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# STABILITY THE KEY

Says Moyes  
as Mauricio  
is Saints'  
14th boss in  
13 years ...

**THE boss of Saints' next  
opponents claims stabili-  
ty is the way forward for  
all clubs.**

David Moyes brings Everton to St Mary's on Monday to face a Saints side under the charge of new boss Mauricio Pochettino for the first time.

While Moyes has been in charge at his club for almost a decade, Pochettino is Saints' 14th permanent manager since the turn of the Millennium.

Of the previous 13, only Gordon Strachan, George Burley and Nigel Adkins have managed to stay in charge for two years or more.

"If you look at the clubs who have kept their managers for longer periods, that's tended to work better than continually changing managers," said Moyes.

"I do think I'm really fortunate because of the board I work for and the chairman I work for.

"At times they've had to show patience with me but I

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**Adkins sacked  
with Saints  
showing Euro  
form!**

NIGEL Adkins was sacked with Saints showing European form after their torrid start to life back in the Premier League.

Statistics produced by the Sports Pink show just how far Saints have come after a tough baptism following their return to the top flight.

But it still wasn't enough to save Adkins from being sacked on Friday.

After 11 games of the season Saints sat second bottom of the Premier League with just five points and a depressing goal difference of -14.

But since then Adkins and his men have turned things around to dramatic effect.

The Premier League table for the last

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# Saints Spotlight

## Adkins set for Pool?

BLACKPOOL could offer Nigel Adkins a swift return to management following his controversial sacking at Saints, with the Seasiders hoping they don't miss out on him for a second time this season, **writes GORDON SIMPSON.**

It is understood that the Championship side were keen on acquiring Adkins' services following the departure of Ian Holloway for Crystal Palace in early November.

Blackpool were thought to be keeping tabs on the situation at Saints at that time, when Adkins' job was under serious threat.

A 2-0 loss at West Brom had left the club bottom of the Premier League table, with the manager's position at St Mary's under serious threat.

It looked as if Adkins would be on his way out of the door, with Blackpool rumoured to have held fire on appointing a replacement for Holloway until the situation at Saints was known.

As it turned out, the 47-year-old



**NIGEL ADKINS**

was retained at St Mary's, leaving Blackpool to turn to Pompey boss Michael Appleton shortly after.

However, Adkins is unexpectedly available now after Saints chairman Nicola Cortese sensationally axed him this week, despite an impressive series of performances and results in recent months.

By coincidence, Blackpool are also on the lookout for a new manager, after Appleton left to join Blackburn, having spent only a little more than two months in charge at Bloomfield Road.

Adkins was quickly installed as odds-on favourite to take over at the Seasiders, following his dismissal from Saints yesterday.

The job could certainly hold some appeal him, should he wish to make a swift return.

Although Blackpool went into this weekend 15th in the Championship, they possess some promising young players.

It would also mean that Adkins could be closer to home, with the Liverpool-born former Scunthorpe boss having his family based in the north.

He could also choose, however, to wait in the hope of another Premier League job coming up.

His achievements at Saints, as well as at Glanford Park before that, will mean that he should warrant serious consideration for some posts.

But there may not be any more openings until the summer.

# RUTHLESS AND

## That sums up how Saints came to dramatically sack Nigel Adkins

**AS the dust begins to settle on a day of drama at St Mary's, a few opinions seem to be shifting.**

Some Saints fans, and, I'm sad to say, some media who should know better, have, in recent times, seemed to develop a black and white attitude towards their club and their team.

People are either amazing and can do no wrong, or terrible and can do no right.

The truth is this – there are shades of grey.

In the same way that those who have defended the actions of Nicola Cortese at every step over the last couple of years, ignoring his mistakes, were wrong then, they are also wrong to suddenly pillory him now and jump to the other side slamming the errors they previously refused to hear.

Cortese runs Saints without answering to anybody.

He is known to make not only major decisions largely on his own without much counsel, but also minor ones as well.

Some have lauded this as ruthless efficiency, others that this is the death of a family club.

### Changed beyond recognition

There is no doubting that Saints, once one of the most homely and welcoming of clubs, have changed beyond recognition.

It's not that any more.

The fans are customers now.

Saints is less a football club there for the community in which it stands, and more a business.

What would you prefer, though?

All clubs will have peaks and troughs but would you trade either a little more success for losing some of the soul of your club, or a little less success to keep it?

It's the dilemma that many modern football fans find themselves in these days.

To be blunt, that's how it is at Saints.

The sacking of Nigel Adkins was utterly ruthless.

He was a decent man who had done a great job.

To hear Mauricio Pochettino, his replacement, say that he had been researching the team for several weeks was enlightening and somewhat revolting.

Adkins, it would appear, was turned over.

His thanks for back-to-back promotions and one of the club's most successful periods?

An cursory acknowledge-

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ment and the sack.

Gratitude indeed.

There is something of a revolt amongst Saints fans, but this is the tip of the iceberg.

The club has been run this way for a little while now.

However, it's not always black and white and there is one thing to be said in Cortese's defence.

If he genuinely didn't believe in Adkins, then their relationship was not going to work in the long term anyway.

At least he had the balls to go through with it, the courage of his convictions.

It might be thought that he hasn't been around football long enough to know how this will play out.

Cortese has only ever enjoyed the upside of the game, success after success, largely because Saints have had the financial muscle to swat aside those upstarts in League One and the Championship.

He's in with the big boys now, though, and has taken a huge personal risk.

If Pochettino is a roaring success, then the black and white brigade will once more put their hands over their ears and quickly forget any shortcomings on Cortese's behalf.

But if he gets this wrong, if Saints struggle, or even worse go down, then there is no coming back from that.

He will be deeply unpopular.

Make no mistake, this might be the beginning of the end for him.

Either way, there are a few people glad that at last the way the club is run has been brought to wider attention.

A lot of people have refused to listen to dissenting voices, so won over are they by a bit of success on the field.

Well, they're listening now.

**NEW MANAGER:** Mauricio Pochettino.

**SAINTS FANS HAVE THEIR SAY ON ADKINS - SEE PAGES 4/5**



# Saints Spotlight

## REVOLTING ...



### Why Nigel's shiny shoes will be so very hard to fill

#### SO it's farewell to Nigel Adkins.

He wasn't the perfect manager – none are – but he was incredibly successful for Saints.

There is no doubt he lived a charmed life at times.

There is a saying in football that you are better to be a lucky manager than a good manager.

Adkins was both.

Revisionist history just because of the manner of his sacking would be wrong.

Adkins had his doubters, even within the dressing room at Saints.

Senior players weren't always convinced by him, or his methods, but you cannot argue with the results he achieved.

Looking back over his time in charge you have to conclude that his most impressive achievement was getting Saints promoted from the Championship.

Without wishing to belittle the League One promotion, any manager worth his salt should have got that squad up.

The players he inherited from Alan Pardew were a fantastic bunch and Saints' spending power meant they virtually bought their way out of that division.

If anything, it was somewhat disappointing Saints didn't win the title.

A glorious failure if you will.

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However, that was not so much the case in the Championship.

Again it was largely Pardew's team that got them up, but they were managed by Adkins who put his stamp on the side.

They always played attractive football, mixing up playing out from the back with going long to Rickie Lambert.

He found a successful formula and he stuck to it over the course of a gruelling season.

Getting automatic promotion was a fantastic achievement and one that will surely sit amongst the best ever at the club.

This season, back in the Premier League, there was no doubt Adkins was learning along with the players.

Whether it was his choice or not to play the Barcelona type system that had such dire consequences at the start of the campaign, we will probably never know.

Likewise, whether the transfer policy – not signing a centre half but signing a £12m player that is struggling to fit in – was his decision.

Again, we might never know.

But what we can say is that he, and his team, were learning and improving.

They were starting to look good to avoid relegation, which would have been a less headline grabbing but arguably even better achievement.

He will have no trouble getting another very good job and he will almost certainly do very well.

His shiny shoes will be hard ones to fill.

## Euro form

#### From front page

11 games, prior to this weekend's matches, saw Saints in seventh place with an impressive 17 points and a goal difference of plus four.

#### First 11 games of Premier League season

	GD	Pts
Man United	+13	27
Man City	+10	25
Chelsea	+12	24
Everton	+7	20
West Brom	+5	20
West Ham	+3	18
Tottenham	+2	17
Arsenal	+7	16
Fulham	+5	16
Newcastle	-3	14
Swansea	+1	13
Stoke	-1	12
Liverpool	-2	12
Sunderland	-2	12
Wigan	-6	11
Reading	-5	9
Aston Villa	-7	9
<b>SAINTS</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>5</b>
QPR	-12	4

#### Last 11 games (prior to Nigel Adkins' sacking)

	GD	Pts
Man United	+14	28
Man City	+14	23
Tottenham	+10	23
Arsenal	+9	19
Liverpool	+9	19
Chelsea	+12	18
<b>SAINTS</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>17</b>
Swansea	+4	17
Everton	+2	17
Stoke	-2	17
Norwich	0	15
Sunderland	-3	13
West Brom	-4	13
West Ham	-5	11
QPR	-7	10
Aston Villa	-18	10
Fulham	-10	9
Wigan	-11	8
Newcastle	-9	7
Reading	-11	7

## Moyes

#### From front page

hope in the end people will look at it and say it's the right thing to do.

"Stability brings a lot of good things.

"You have players who have been there for a while and you keep those players, it's not a constant change.

"And the money it costs to continually get rid of your managers and bring in new managers, you've got to be a pretty wealthy club if you're going to do that."

In the top four divisions of English football, 46 of the 92 managers have been in charge for less than a year.

Moyes added: "People don't just get a job becoming manager.

"You do your coaching badges, you've got to put quite a lot of money into becoming a Pro Licence coach, you put a lot of effort into trying to get jobs.

"So it's like training to become an electrician or a mechanic or whatever.

"Just to have it taken away from you all the time, I don't think that's very good."

"But there's a different breed of chairmen and owners coming in now who seem to want success instantly, or at least signs of it, and they're changing the manager.

"They do need to look and speak with people who have been in the game for a long time, be that managers or chairmen, and I think most of them would like to have a club that's stable.

"Clubs want progress, and you have to try to make some kind of small step forward, but that can only be done if you've got a club that's



# Saints Spotlight



## I'm just furious

I AM absolutely furious at the sacking of Nigel Adkins, like every other Saints fan, and it would appear the majority of the footballing world.

It felt very right Nigel Adkins being at the helm.

An educated, intelligent, positive and forward thinking man who was gradually gaining his honours degree in how to get wins in the Premier League.

What we all know is that you can have decent, good or even great players, but unless the manager has the tactical nous to structure his team and outwit his opponent manager, it will often end in defeat or disappointment.

We have now lost our greatest asset in Nigel Adkins.

We as fans can theorise all we like about 'why he did this' and how we 'didn't agree with that', but the bottom line is that we are not always aware of the variables



POCHETTINO

that come into the decision making: player attitudes, executive pressure/interference, financial pressure etc.

I feel as though Saints' trajectory is now likely to go downwards.

What must the players be thinking right now?

Will they 'run through the brick wall' for Mr Pochettino who can't even bond with them immediately because he can't speak English.

Fortunately for most, football is very fickle and quick to forget.

It is possible that wins against Everton and Manchester United could conceivably lead us towards forgetting about Nigel and embracing Mauricio quicker than we would view as being morally acceptable.

I love Saints and have done so for years, and when I have wanted to see them it has been a 900 mile journey and a lot of money – as well as the regular heartache.

I now hope they are relegated and that Cortese's masterplan is what will inevitably remove him from Saints.

However, I am at heart a football fan and, like the rest, very fickle and quick to forget.

But I will try and remain in reasonable form and resist in saying 'The King is dead...long live the king!'

Glen Lomax

# SAD REFLECTION ON THE GAME ...

## I AM still in a state of shock at hearing the news about Nigel Adkins.

Even if Pochettino (and I wish him well) brings something special to the long term future of SFC, this decision by Cortese is a very sad reflection on what is wrong with football, and much else, in today's greedy and cynical world.

Football has tragically become the plaything of over egotistical, often narcissistic multi-millionaire owners and chairmen who have no real understanding or empathy with the football fans, without whom football would be both meaningless and broke.

They are driven only by self-interest and the further inflation of their huge egos.

Managers are hired and fired on a whim by impatient ruthless autocrats determined to do things their way and in their time regardless of the feelings of others and in particular the fans.

It is truly ironic that this "nasty" decision follows the team's great result at Chelsea where the current manager is booed by the home fans and the restless billionaire owner is already looking for his next candidate.

"Together as one" became the club catch phrase Nigel regularly used and which had become a main ingredient in the optimistic and positive feelings and great atmosphere we have come to know again as Saints fans.

Fans who have really been



BUBBLE:  
Nicola  
Cortese

through the wringer - good times and bad.

Most of us were fans of SFC before Cortese had heard of Southampton, some of us before he was even born.

The news of Nigel's sacking has been universally condemned by experienced and respected voices throughout football.

People like Alex Ferguson who, with respect to Cortese, are serious people in football.

The decision is disrespectful to the fans and the whole club and it's history and culture by a chairman who refuses to meet with or communicate with the fans.

Cortese lives in an arrogant bubble - I guess he doesn't care what we think as fans or anything about the club's history and reputation.

Tragically, this decision could be a disaster in footballing terms.

A whole new management team turning up with new and confusing ideas for a settled, happy and currently successful dressing room just before a run of tricky games where we could easily find ourselves back in the relegation zone.

I bet the teams around us in the table at the moment can't believe there luck.

Given what Nigel has done for SFC and the progress made this season, based on recent results, this is a wrong and a heartless decision.

I feel embarrassed and a sense of shame as a Southampton fan.

I feel sick and like sending my ticket back.

I need to remember ultimately it's our club and not Cortese's.

Time will pass - our passion and commitment as fans will return - we will still be there when Cortese has gone.

Football depends on us whether turning up at the turnstile or paying our Sky subs.

Ultimately we have the power and one day when we get sick of these wealthy interlopers wrecking our game, good feelings and club spirit and things will change.

Tellingly the new coach - who doesn't speak English - referred to "the project" not the "club" throughout his introductory press conference.

This speaks volumes about the Cortese approach and his arrogant sense of ownership and power and his lack of empathy.

I hope, truly hope, that this decision is not a footballing disaster.

I hope, truly hope, that we go from strength to strength - building on the excellent work Nigel has put in.

But If we do succeed, as I hope we will, and as you congratulate yourself Mr Cortese on your "clever", heartless decision to fire Nigel, remember that being a good human being demands many more qualities in terms of character than in being a good or successful football club chairman.

On Friday, Nicola, we learned a great deal about your character and I for one did not like it.

Nigel - thanks for what you did for us, thanks for your passion and positivity.

The very best of luck to you and your family, whichever lucky club you end up with.

TOGETHER AS ONE  
Peter North, Hursley

## What have we gained?

AS a supporter of SFC since 1967, I was horrified to learn of the sacking of Nigel Adkins.

Nigel is clearly a man of integrity, intelligence and capability.

He has achieved back to back promotions, taking the club from League 1 to the Premiership and has begun to establish the club in the Premier league.

He has demonstrated his potential to continue moving the club forward and work towards the ethos of 'Together as One'.

I believe that the feel-good factor he has engendered throughout the club and community and most importantly the supporters, is one

to be proud of.

He is extremely well-liked and was beginning to cultivate a media image which promoted the club positively in the same way that Gordon Strachan and Lawrie McMenemy have done in the past.

A football club is about the supporters and the community it serves.

The regime under Nicola Cortese seems to have no understanding or recognition of this, or the deep-rooted traditions and standards on which the football club is founded.

Foundations put down by the likes of Ted Bates, McMenemy

and Strachan, and lived out by players like Paine, Channon, Dodd, Le Tissier and Benali are hugely important to not only the fans but the wider football world.

Please explain what has been gained by the dismissal of an outstanding manager.

Nigel Adkins was a man who was clearly proud to lead the club and did so with dignity, a man to whom all supporters will be grateful.

It was a privilege to have Nigel Adkins as manager of Southampton Football Club.

Kevin Foster, Season Ticket Holder



LAWRIE McMENEMY



# Saints Spotlight



## Utterly criminal to sack Nigel

I HAVE often been critical of Nigel Adkins.

I could not understand for the life of me why he never got a decent centre half in during the summer.

I was at both Villa and Chelsea and was quite bemused by Adkins' line up at Stamford Bridge.

But his gamble paid off and we got four points from two very difficult away games.

If Cortese has sacked Adkins in November, I would not have been too critical.

But to sack him now at this stage of the season in the middle of the transfer window is utterly criminal.

We are playing Everton, which

was always going to be difficult but not impossible.

A win on Monday would go a long way towards our survival.

To give the job to Pochettino (WHO?) at this stage of the season is beyond a gamble.

Pochettino speaks no English and I would doubt whether he knows a lot about our players or the league we are trying to stay in.

Added to all this mayhem, this act of vandalism will have given the teams around us a huge boost. Saints seemed to have turned the corner.

I still thought it was going to be a nervous end to the season

but...we had every chance of survival.

Adkins deserved the chance to see the job through until May.

The Everton game is now going to be interesting for all the wrong reasons.

How are the crowd going to react to Pochettino?

Are we now going to end up with the Chelsea scenario with Rafa?

How are the players going to react?

Are we still going to strengthen the squad?

Cortese seems to think the club needs to kick on to a higher level.

After back to back promotions,

the main objective was always to stay in the league.

Should we go down, is Pochettino equipped to get us back up?

As a season ticket holder, I have been held in contempt.

Yes, I was critical of Adkins but he earned the right to lead Saints until the end of the season.

One thing is beyond doubt, Pochettino had better hit the ground running.

I don't think there will be much of a honeymoon period. Our league position will not allow it.

**Martin van Tuyt, Kingsland season ticket holder**



## Disgusted

AS a loyal Saints supporter for over fifty years and current season ticket holder, I am outraged at the decision to sack Nigel Adkins and equally disgusted at the treatment of the man by the Chairman Nicola Cortese.

We, the supporters of the club, want Saints to be ambitious, but surely not at all costs?

There is hopefully something very satisfying about a football club achieving successes while at the same time showing integrity, solidarity and honesty in their commitment.

That is something lacking it seems in those people running our club at present and, besides, something not very British about the way this has become the norm in the Premier league.

Good luck to the players and the new boss. And best wishes and a big 'thank you' to Nigel Adkins. You deserved better.

**Graham Benjamin, Bitterne.**

## Sad day

IT'S a sad, sad day sacking Nigel Adkins. The move was utter madness, he was totally committed to the Saints.

We, as fans, are grateful to him for his loyalty and passion that he showed and I, along with my son, will never forget his kind applause to us all when we chanted his name at many games.

Mr Cortese must have a mega small memory because surely he can see what Nigel achieved.

If this decision backfires then there will be one person whose fault it will be.

So let's hope for Saints' sake that it's onwards and upwards. We will miss you, Nigel, but thanks for all you did, mate, and good luck in your next job.

**Steve & Dan Jarvis, Chilmark, Wiltshire**

## Our loss

AFTER speaking to Nigel Atkins a few times, I would just like to say from the Saints family and the whole of Southampton 'thank you'. It was very nice to meet a honest, trustworthy human being and a genuine gentleman.

You are our loss, Nigel.

Kind regards for your future and family.

**Julian Martin**

## Terrible

WHAT on earth is our chairman doing? Nigel Adkins has brought great stability to our club and is massively respected by all supporters. This will send out a terrible message to the rest of the football world about the way Saints are run.

**Ricky Hobbs**



# Saints Spotlight

## Actions speak much louder than words ...

THEY say it is always best to judge a man by his actions rather than his words, writes **DAN KERINS**.

All the time he was manager here, Nigel Adkins' words were seldom interesting. He avoided simple questions, repeated clichés and always spoke about "being on the bus" or "in the building."

Some people found that endearing, some people found it annoying.

His actions however, were most impressive. Back-to-back promotions, attacking football and the best win ratio of any Saints manager in many a decade.

These whispers have been around for a while.

Many fans refused to entertain the idea that chairman Nicola Cortese would even consider getting rid of Adkins.

We now know that this has most definitely been in the offing for quite some time.

The new manager himself said he has been researching the team "for weeks" – whilst that may be a coincidence, it's hard to imagine it's not linked to the appointment on Friday.

He reaction to Adkins' departure has been what you would expect.

Of the 8,000 votes cast on the Daily Echo site by Friday evening, 94 per cent were against Adkins' sacking.

Now, admittedly there was a similar reaction to Pardew's exit.

But to be fair to Adkins, Pardew's team had just beaten Bristol Rovers – Wednesday night's draw with the reigning Champions of Europe was probably a bit more impressive.



Adkins was here long enough to build a rapport with the supporters, and it would also be hard to imagine the team without picturing him.

In the time he was here, he had become the personification of Southampton FC.

His was a team devoid of standout egos in the public eye, so as leader he became the person many would first think of when Saints were mentioned.

Now, it's far too early to have an opinion on Mauricio Pochettino, pictured below.

After all, what do any of us know of him other than what's on Wikipedia?

The one thing that is setting alarm bells ringing however is that he does not speak English.

No doubt he has already started learning and probably knows far more than many think, but you just have to see the accusations thrown at Trapattoni and Capello for what managers can expect when things turn sour for a non-Anglophone manager.

Hopefully it will not come to that and the Argentine will be a raging success.

What is concerning, though, is Cortese's decision to stay away from Pochettino's unveiling.

It would be a baptism of fire for the manager at the best of times, but the chairman should have been there to back the new man and explain why Adkins was jettisoned.

It's well and good putting out statements which professional public relations experts have taken their time to polish and make as asinine as possible.

But nothing is quite the same as standing up and facing the difficult questions that need to be answered. Judge a man by his actions, not by his words.

# WHY I JUST DON'T GET IT

**UNDER FIRE:** Chairman Nicola Cortese has sparked outrage among Saints fans by sacking Nigel Adkins.

**SAINTS fans' spokesman Mike O'Callaghan has been left "flabbergasted" by the club's sacking of Nigel Adkins.**

The SISA man was as stunned as anyone to learn of Adkins' fate as the successful and popular manager was replaced by Mauricio Pochettino.

"I'm flabbergasted," he said.

"He's obviously planned to sack Adkins because the new guy is in position and that guy got sacked (by Espanyol) in November.

"I don't get it. I don't get the appointment.

"The chairman must be the only person who has seen negative things in the job Nigel Adkins was doing.

"My phone has been red hot with fans of Newcastle, Everton, Stoke, some from London clubs, and none of them can understand it either.

"Why get rid of someone with Premier League experience and replace him with someone with no Premier League experience at all.

"We are 15th in the table, averaging a point a game ... if you had told Saints fans last August we'd be averaging a

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point a game come January 99 per cent would have snapped your hand off.

"I would have. I would have been delighted with 17th, let alone a few positions higher.

"We have only lost two in 12, drawn at Fulham, Stoke, won at Aston Villa and drawn at Chelsea and we are six points above Reading and they've kept their manager."

"If we had sacked Adkins and appointed an established manager from abroad or the Premier League – say, the Wigan manager – people would have understood.

"But the new guy can't even speak English.

"You saw the problems Capello had when he was with England, and he could speak some English.

"I see Adkins' backroom staff have also gone, so who's going to communicate with the play-

ers?"

O'Callaghan, a lifelong Saints fan for over four decades, "knows Pochettino won't have much of a honeymoon period at St Mary's, not with Saints still embroiled in a relegation scrap.

"Our next three games are Everton, Manchester United and Wigan," he said.

"They would have been hard games with Nigel Adkins in charge.

"They would have been tough matches even with a manager who knew all the players, knew how to motivate them and get the best out of them.

"Look at what Adkins has done with Jason Punccheon?

"As far as I can see, there were no negatives with Nigel Adkins.

"The timing is all wrong."

O'Callaghan, 54, felt the decision was typical of the way the club is currently being run.

He again called for more interaction between the hierarchy and the supporters to clear lines of communication

and explain major decisions.

"Mr Cortese, like when he got rid of Alan Pardew after a 4-0 win away to Bristol Rovers, baffles me," he said.

"I'm a fan that cares about our club.

"What has Adkins done wrong?"

"It must be a clash of personalities because he's sacked him and the other guy has been appointed on the same day.

"Cortese is not prepared to meet the fans other than cherry picking season ticket holders.

"Together we stand we hear at Saints but there is no relationship between the club and the fans.

"Where is the continuity?"

"I thought the dark days we had with Rupert Lowe in charge were over.

"Now here we are again, a laughing stock again.

"At least Rupert Lowe was the chairman of a PLC, Cortese is only the right hand man of the people who own the club.

"Cortese should realise it was 'In Nigel We Trust', not 'In Nicola We Trust'.

"Cortese should have been there on Friday explaining the decision.

"Why wasn't he there?"

**MIKE O'CALLAGHAN**



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# The man who gave us back our dignity

Thanks, Nigel, whoever gets you, they're a lucky club!

**THERE are times when being Saints fans isn't just difficult.. it's plain impossible.**

The news that Nigel Adkins has been sacked beggars belief, it is the single most ridiculous decision this club has ever made.

Never has my flabber been more gashed.

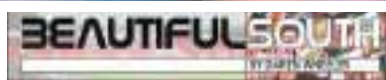
You have a manager in Nigel Adkins who took this club through two successive promotions, got us playing the best football I've seen in 20 years and got us to the "promised" land, all way ahead of schedule.

*For the first time in my experience of following Saints, I found myself going to St Mary's with a sense of expectation, feeling that there was no team that Saints could, or should, fear.*

I was rewarded with some simply sensational football, bold attacking football that simply swept League One and Championship clubs aside.

Adkins ruffled a few feathers, especially at Brighton, with his "Can they keep up" quips but he was right, we were head and shoulders above any team in those leagues and we all knew it. We were that good.

I remember going up to Wembley for the Johnstones Paint Trophy final with my friend Neal and saying to him, "What if we lose?" We both looked at each other, laughed and agreed that just wasn't going to happen as we simply eased to



victory in a one-sided final. We were that good.

I remember watching in awe as Saints started a ridiculously tough opening few games against Manchester United and Manchester City with swagger and belief and came close to producing major shocks in both games.

Ok, we hit a turbulent patch as we came to realise that we had to be savvy as well as brave but we deep down knew we'd be ok... We were that good.

So the news that Nigel Adkins has been sacked comes not so much as a shock more of a feeling of complete and utter disgust.

In my time watching Saints I've seen some bizarre decisions from the board of Southampton football club, I've seen a club that epitomised longevity and tradition become a national laughing stock.

Following Branfoot's departure, this club has lurched from managerial disaster to managerial disaster, feeding the press with all the ammunition they could possibly need to make us look as stupid as possible.... Until Nigel Adkins came along.

Yes, he has made mistakes, yes some of his tactics and substitutions were baffling but we were getting there.

The one thing that stuns me as a Saints fan was that we were turning a corner, we were making progress.

A draw away at Chelsea showed me that not only were we still capa-

**NEW MAN:**  
**Mauricio Pochettino.**  
**Left: Nigel Adkins.**



ble of playing damn good football but we were also a damn hard team to beat.

I may be on my own here but I feel completely and utterly betrayed by Adkins' dismissal.

Had we not been making progress in what is a phenomenally difficult league I could understand all of this; but we were, we had gone from being a League One side to becoming a good solid Premiership side with every chance to survive and then flourish.

**To sack him now is an act of either utter lunacy or utter petulance.**

As Saints fans we've all passed comment on the crazy merry go round that is Premiership management, hell we've all looked at Chelsea and laughed. What do we make of our own Chelsea moment?

A press conference with Mauricio Pochettino and his interpreter is hardly the best start is it?

You sack the most promising young English manager in England and replace him with a man who was sacked as Espanyol manager in November after the club's poor start to the La Liga campaign.

The Barcelona based side were bottom of the league with just nine points from their first 13 games.

To Nigel Adkins I can only say *thank you*, as a fan and supporter of this club I now know my opinion counts for nothing. Thank you for giving this club, for two years at least, its dignity back. Thank you for the most amazing football I've seen in 20 years, thank you for your press conferences, your enthusiasm and your positivity. Thank you for two of the best seasons I've had in my time following the Saints.

I'm sorry you've been so unceremoniously dumped and treated like garbage, I'm sorry that the love the fans of this club have in their hearts for you counts for nothing.















I now know that modern Football is a filthy, dirty, ungrateful, disloyal and disappointing business and what you gave us obviously has no place in it.

Good luck, Nigel. I know for certain that there's going to be a huge queue for your services and whoever gets you, they're a lucky club indeed.



# Saints Spotlight

## SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2012/13

																
<b>AUGUST</b>																
Sun 19 Man City . . . . .	A	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Ward-Prowse**	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon***	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert* 1	S Davis** 1	Sharp***
Sat 25 Wigan . . . . .	H	L 0-2	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	S Davis*	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Do Prado	Rodriguez**	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Sharp**	Hoskins***
Tues 28 Stevenage (COC 2) . . . . .	A	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Butterfield	Richardson	Seaborne	Shaw	Chaplow*	W-Prowse	Hammond**	Puncheon 1	Lee 1	Sharp*** 1	Reeves* 1	Chambers**	Hoskins***
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																
Sun 2 Man United . . . . .	H	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin 1	S Davis	Puncheon*	Lallana***	Lambert** 1	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Rodriguez***
Sat 15 Arsenal . . . . .	A	L 1-6	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld*	Fox 1	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Puncheon	Lallana	Lambert***	Yoshida*	Ramirez**	Rodriguez***
Sat 22 Aston Villa . . . . .	H	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon*** 1	Ramirez	Lambert 2	Richardson*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Tues 25 Sheff Wed (COC 3) . . . . .	H	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Hooiveld	Yoshida	Seaborne	W-Prowse	Cork**	Chaplow	De Ridder	Do Prado*	Rodriguez*** 2	Reeves*	Robinson**	Hoskins***
Sat 29 Everton . . . . .	A	L 1-3	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Fonte	Yoshida	Clyne**	W-Prowse	S Davis	Lallana***	Rodriguez*	Ramirez 1	Lambert	Mayuka*	Reeves**	Chaplow***
<b>OCTOBER</b>																
Sun 7 Fulham . . . . .	H	D 2-2	Gazzaniga	Richardson*	Fonte 2	Yoshida	Fox	S Davis	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon**	Rodriguez	Lambert***	Hooiveld*	Chaplow**	Do Prado***
Sat 20 West Ham . . . . .	A	L 1-4	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Yoshida	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana 1	Puncheon**	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Sun 28 Tottenham . . . . .	H	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Puncheon*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana	Rodriguez 1	Lambert	Do Prado**	Reeves***	Reeves***
Tues 31 Leeds (COC 4) . . . . .	A	L 0-3	K Davis	Butterfield	Hooiveld	Seaborne	Reeves	W-Prowse	Chaplow	Do Prado	De Ridder**	Mayuka	Lee*	Shaw*	Isgrove*	Reeves***
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																
Mon 5 West Brom . . . . .	A	L 0-2	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Ramirez**	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Lallana	Rodriguez*	Lambert	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Shaw***
Sat 10 Swansea . . . . .	H	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	Schneiderlin 1	Cork	Puncheon	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert	Fox*	Rodriguez***	Rodriguez***
Sat 17 QPR . . . . .	A	W 3-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon 1	Ramirez*	Lallana	Lambert*** 1	S Davis*	Fox**	Rodriguez***
Sun 25 Newcastle . . . . .	H	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw***	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon	Ramirez** 1	Lallana 1	Lambert*	Rodriguez*	S Davis**	Hooiveld***
Weds 28 Norwich . . . . .	H	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert 1	Reeves*	Rodriguez**	Hooiveld***
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Sat 1 Liverpool . . . . .	A	L 0-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork*	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert	S Davis*	Rodriguez**	De Ridder***
Sat 8 Reading . . . . .	H	W 1-0	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Puncheon 1	Schneiderlin	Cork	Lallana*	Rodriguez**	Lambert	Ramirez	Do Prado**	Do Prado***
Sat 22 Sunderland . . . . .	H	L 0-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin***	Schneiderlin**	Cork	Ramirez	Mayuka*	Lambert	De Ridder*	S Davis**	Do Prado***
Weds 26 Fulham . . . . .	A	D 1-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon	S Davis*	Ramirez**	Lambert 1	Rodriguez*	Do Prado**	Do Prado***
Sat 29 Stoke . . . . .	A	D 3-3	K Davis	Yoshida	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw*	Puncheon**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Do Prado	Rodriguez 1	Lambert 1	Fox*	Richardson**	Do Prado***
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Sat 5 Chelsea (FAC 3) . . . . .	H	L 1-5	Boruc	Cork	Fonte**	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin*	S Davis	Puncheon***	W-Prowse	Do Prado	Rodriguez 1	De Ridder*	Hooiveld**	Lee***
Sat 12 Aston Villa . . . . .	A	W 1-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw***	Puncheon**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Ramirez*	Rodriguez	Lambert 1	Fox	S Davis**	De Ridder***
Weds 16 Chelsea . . . . .	A	D 2-2	Boruc	Clyne	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Puncheon 1	Schneiderlin	Cork	Do Prado***	S Davis**	Rodriguez*	Lambert* 1	Chaplow**	Ramirez***
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UNDER FIRE: Nicola Cortese.

## 'Shameful episode'

Dear Mr Cortese,  
AS a lifelong Southampton FC supporter I have often been surprised or disappointed by the management of the Club under previous ownership and management.

The Liebherr era has been very different and for the first time is a very long while I felt pride in the underlying ethos and ethics and confidence in the long term goals of the Club.

I was confident that the philosophy for the longer term development of the Club would embrace the clear symbiosis of the development of Nigel Adkins alongside that of the Club and that we were

### FAN'S LETTER

quietly looking at a Fergie era of our own.

Against the backdrop of certain betrayals and embarrassments it would take quite a piece of business to stand out enough to offset the fantastic couple of years we have enjoyed since Mr Liebherr bought the club. This meets that low standard.

Come what may in the league, success or failure under the new manager, the personal treatment of Nigel Adkins ranks as one of the more shameful episodes in SFC history. There are no

doubt many strategically robust arguments that you have used to convince yourself that the pain is worth the gain.

I have to think that had Marcus Liebherr been alive then it would have been you looking at the exit for the shame you conspired to bring on the Club rather than Mr Adkins.

I wish Mr Adkins all the best in what I hope will be a great career and will express to him personally a very different legacy message than the painfully poor effort you made in announcing his departure.

Richard G Thomas OBE  
Warsash

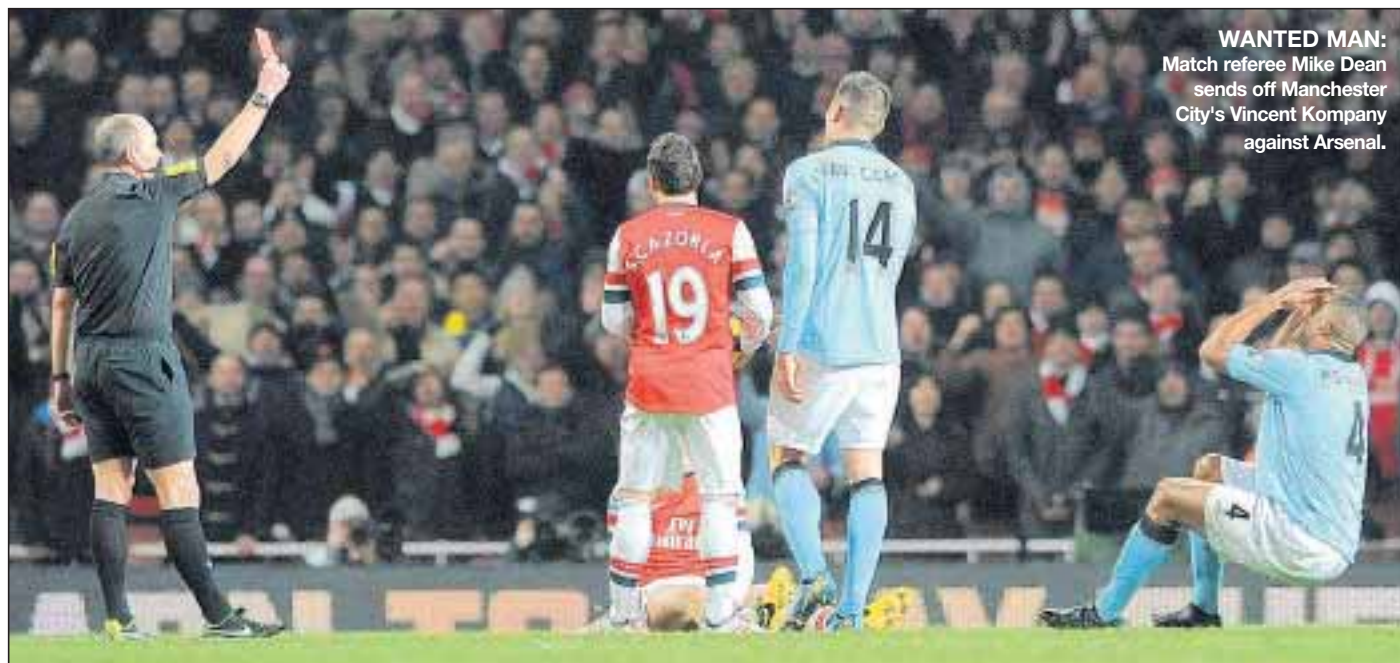
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ARTUR BORUC	5	0	1	0	6	0	STEVE DE RIDDER	0(4)	0	2	0	12(31)	4	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	1(6)	0	1	0	2(6)	0
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DANNY FOX	7(4)	1	0	0	46(8)	1	MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	21	2	1	0	152(28)	5	SAM HOSKINS	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
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JOS HOOIVELD	8(2)	0	2(1)	0	51(3)	8	JASON PUNCHEON	19	4	2	1	64(4)	8	LLOYD ISGROVE	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
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KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.



# Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



**WANTED MAN:**  
Match referee Mike Dean  
sends off Manchester  
City's Vincent Kompany  
against Arsenal.

## Bad news for Blues from Pep

PEP Guardiola's season-long sabbatical has finally ended.

The 41 year-old has signed a two-year contract with Bayern Munich, having consistently been linked with Chelsea and Manchester City, and will take over the German giants at the end of the season. Guardiola, who left the Nou Camp last year, won a staggering 14 trophies, including two Champions League trophies with Barcelona.

The news was disappointing to me, as he revealed this week that he wanted the challenge of managing an English club at some point in the future and, as a player,



GUARDIOLA

## THE burning question this week is whether tackling is a dying art.

Vincent Kompany's challenge on Jack Wilshere during Manchester City's win at the Emirates earned him a red card for serious foul play.

After watching many re-runs I was convinced City would win their case if they appealed.

Unfortunately, Mike Dean had only one view from which to make an instant decision and in this case he was proved wrong.

The FA overturned the decision after a three-man panel decided there had been obvious error.

On top of that, three other players had dismissals overturned in the last month: Steven Nzonzi of Stoke, West Ham's Carlton Cole and Everton's Darren Gibson.

New guidelines were issued to managers and players four years ago, warning them that two-footed challenges could result in a red card.

Referees' chief Mike Riley met all the respective officials last February to emphasise the rules remained the same.

Details and DVDs were also sent to clubs documenting the difference between careless tackles reckless challenges and those using accepted force.

In fairness to referees, they must feel frustrated by their decisions

# Tough times for hard men

being overturned at an alarming rate. It also sends out different messages to players and referees.

The worrying factor for me and many others is whether actual physical contact is being removed from the game.

Let me tell you, the timing of a full-blooded tackle was a great skill carried out with full force and it made the likes of Ron 'Chopper' Harris and Norman 'Bite-Yer-Legs' Hunter famous.

At Southampton, Cliff Huxford and Denis Hollywood never shirked a tackle and were a huge asset to the team.

So it was sad to hear Sam Allardyce this week bemoaning the fact that tackling is not coached any more but youngsters are instead taught how to 'pinch', 'nick' and 'intercept'.

Of course, attitudes have changed and the protection of skilful players is important. But when I look at the stats it is alarming to see that in the last five years the average number of tackles per game has dropped

from 47.5 to just 37.6.

The ball-winner is virtually obsolete! Clarification is needed as to what is reckless and dangerous and constitutes a fair challenge.

Perhaps if players stopped rolling in agony every time they are touched it would improve the situation.

I feel for the officials but Prozone stats suggest 92 percent of them call the major incidents right and 99 percent of assistants are right with their offside calls.

I would like to be a fly on the wall in referees' rooms this weekend as I'm certain managers and captains will want to question the officials when handing in their team sheets, just where they stand.

## Let's back new boss

FOLLOWING the replacement of Nigel Adkins with Mauricio Pochettino, pictured, I can only say I support the chairman's decision in what must have been a difficult situation.

I hope that everyone gets behind the new appointment, that it takes the club further in the Premiership and that all supporters will view it as a positive step forward.



**THE WAY WE WERE:** Leeds United's hard man Norman Hunter receives a bunch of flowers from Hugh Fisher of Southampton in 1974.





# Saints Spotlight

## Cherries league run over

CHERRIES' 15-match unbeaten run in League One came to an end as Walsall registered a deserved 3-1 victory at the Banks's Stadium, writes **NEIL PERRETT**.

Eddie Howe's men were up against it at the break after Sam Mantom's goal and a Jamie Grigg penalty had put the Saddlers 2-0 ahead.

And although Brett Pitman netted to make it 2-1 four minutes into the second half and Febian Brandy was sent off for Walsall, another Grigg penalty sealed victory for the hosts.

Brandy and Jamie Paterson both saw early chances fail to trouble David James before a goalbound effort from Pitman was charged down by a defender.

Skipper Elphick saved the day when he blocked Grigg's shot towards an unguarded net after James had spilled a cross from Mantom.

However, the reprieve was short lived as Walsall opened the scoring when Mantom's centre from the right



**BRETT PITMAN**

sailed across the face of the goal-mouth before nestling in the bottom corner.

Cherries went close to levelling when Pitman's header from a Josh McQuoid cross came back off the crossbar with Saddlers goalkeeper Ian McLoughlin beaten.

Walsall doubled their lead when Grigg, felled by James for the penalty, drilled his spot kick straight down the middle on the stroke of half-time.

Pitman threw Cherries a lifeline when he headed home a Grabban cross to halve the deficit four minutes into the second half.

Paterson's strike was touched on to the post by James before a header from Wes Thomas from close range bounced off the underside of the crossbar and landed in McLoughlin's hands.

Brandy received his marching orders for picking up a second yellow card for a lunge on Eunan O'Kane as the pair challenged for the loose ball on the goalline after James had parried Malvind Benning's free-kick.

Sub Matt Tubbs fluffed his lines from six yards when he put the ball over the crossbar before McQuoid drilled a shot straight down McLoughlin's throat.

Grigg converted a second penalty after O'Kane had inadvertently picked up the ball in the 18-yard area, thinking referee Andy Davies had penalised Cherries for an earlier foul.

**Cherries:** James, Francis, Cook, Elphick, Daniels, Fogden (Fletcher, 81), Arter (McQuoid, 36), O'Kane, Grabban, Pitman, Thomas (Tubbs, 74). Unused subs: Seaborne, McDermott, Partington, Jalal (g/k).

# THANKS FOR THE

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**CHIEF SPORTS REPORTER**

**NIGEL Adkins' time at Saints may have come to an abrupt halt but his tenure will always be fondly remembered.**

Adkins joined from Scunthorpe in September 2010, replacing Alan Pardew, and immediately ensured success for the club.

He led Saints to back-to-back promotions to the Premier League and the team's recent run – seventh in the form table for the last 11 games – was pulling them away from the relegation zone.

His overall record at Saints saw him take charge of 124 games which yielded 67 wins, 25 draws and 32 losses.

Chief sports writer Adam Leitch says a fond farewell to Adkins by picking out what he regards as some of his most memorable games.

### September 15, 2010

Adkins takes charge of his first game as Saints boss but doesn't get off to a great start.

Saints are beaten 2-0 at MK Dons with Angelo Balanta and Peter Leven inflicting the damage.

### September 25, 2010

It took three games to come but Adkins gets Saints winning again with a 1-0 victory over Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough.

It was a hard fought game but in the end a Lee Barnard goal on 61 minutes gets Saints up and running again.

### January 3, 2011

Saints defeat Dagenham & Redbridge 3-1 away from home.

It may not sound like the most significant result but after that victory Adkins really started to believe that his side had what it takes to get promoted.

Adam Lallana, Guly do Prado and Rickie Lambert struck on a tricky pitch in poor conditions to prove Saints had the character for the fight.

### February 5, 2011

Arguably the most entertaining game of Adkins' time in charge as Saints drew 4-4 with Peterborough at London Road.

Saints led 2-0 and 4-2 but were pegged back in an absolute thriller in front of the Sky cameras.

### April 23, 2011

There had been some bad blood between Brighton and Saints after the 0-0 draw at St Mary's in November.

By the time Saints had to travel to the Withdean Stadium the Seagulls were already assured the League One title.

Saints were fighting for second place and, though Adkins got



**LOSING START:** Adkins at MK Dons.



**AWAY JOY:** Saints win at Dagenham.



**LATE WIN:** Fonte has just scored at Brighton

incredible levels of abuse throughout the game, a 2-1 win secured by late goals from David Connolly and Jose Fonte put them well on the way to promotion.

### May 2, 2011

Promotion is all but assured as Saints secure a 3-1 win over Plymouth.

There are wild celebrations on the pitch at the final whistle.



**FIRST WIN:** Barnard scores at Hillsborough.



**THRILLER:** Lambert scores at Peterborough.



**PROMOTION:** Adkins all smiles at Plymouth.

### August 6, 2011

Everybody is a little unsure as to how Saints will adapt to life back in the Championship but they get off to a flying start as they defeat Leeds 3-1 on the opening day.

Goals from Dean Hammond, Adam Lallana and David Connolly produce an empathic victory and a wave of optimism around St Mary's.

### October 18, 2011

After a great start to the campaign there is a feeling that Saints might be genuine promotion contenders.

However, they face a very major test as West Ham come calling.

They sail through with Jos Hooiveld's header earning a 1-0 win and the sense that this might be another very special season.

March 3, 2011

**GORDON STRACHAN SPECIAL - SEE PAGES 30/31**



# Saints Spotlight

# MEMORIES, NIGE



**GREAT START:** Hammond scores in win against Leeds.



**HAMMER TIME:** Hooiveld heads only goal against West Ham.



**BAD NIGHT:** Saints lose at home to Reading.



**GOING UP AGAIN:** Lambert chaired off after Coventry win.



**FIRST PREMIER WIN:** Clyne has just scored against Villa.

Saints are coming out of a patchy run of form and starting to make a second charge.

They are absolutely battered at Leeds in a vital game but Kelvin Davis produces a heroic performance to ensure a 1-0 win.

After the game the squad are buzzing and there is a genuine belief that promotion will be assured.

April 13, 2012

Saints lose 3-1 to Reading at St Mary's.

It was one of only a few genuine low points for Adkins as the realisation that the title has slipped through their fingers starts to gather.

Automatic promotion is still the goal though.

April 28, 2011  
Fantastic scenes at St Mary's as



**LAST HURRAH:** Adkins after Saints had drawn at Chelsea.

Saints celebrate finishing second and winning promotion to the Premier League with a final day 4-0 win over Coventry.

September 22, 2012

After a really tough start to the Premier League season Saints get their first win on the board with a 4-1 victory over Aston Villa at St Mary's.

January 16, 2013

Saints are on a real upward curve with just two defeats in their last 12 when they travel to Chelsea.

The Blues go 2-0 up at half time and things look ominous but a stirring Saints comeback sees them secure a point.

The game proves to be a last hurrah for Adkins.

He is sensationally sacked just two days later

## PREMIER LEAGUE

## Pardew's problems mounting

### NEWCASTLE 1 READING 2

Adam Le Fondre came off the bench to dump Newcastle deep into relegation trouble as Reading staged another famous fightback.

The substitute struck twice inside six second-half minutes as the Magpies imploded having dominated the opening 45 minutes.

Alan Pardew's men would have been out of sight by half-time had it not been for the heroics of keeper Adam Federici, but led only 1-0 courtesy of the returning Yohan Cabaye's superb 35th-minute free-kick.

But they wilted alarmingly after the break to lose a game they simply had to win in front of a disgruntled crowd of 49,411.

The Royals, who came from 2-0 down to beat West Brom 3-2 last week, left Tyneside having boosted their own survival hopes while significantly denting those of their hosts.

### WIGAN 2 SUNDERLAND 3

Steven Fletcher's first half double and some desperate second half defending proved enough for Sunderland to claim victory at Wigan.

Martin O'Neill's men looked to be cruising home at the break after they had replied to David Vaughan's early own goal with a Craig Gardner penalty followed by Fletcher's impressive one-two.

But after on-loan Manchester United man Angelo Henriquez netted with a far-post header 11 minutes from time, Sunderland needed to show plenty of defensive resolve to retain their advantage, sending Wigan sliding back into the relegation zone.

### WEST HAM 1 QPR 1

Joe Cole's first West Ham goal for 10 years earned the hosts a deserved point as Loic Remy was denied a dream debut for QPR in the Premier League clash at Upton Park.

Remy scored 14 minutes into his maiden appearance following his £8million signing from Marseille.

But the Hammers were on top throughout, only to find Julio Cesar in inspired form as he twice denied Marouane Chamakh, who might have had a first-half penalty when Clint Hill wrestled him to the ground.

Chamakh's replacement Carlton Cole also was denied by the Brazilian goalkeeper, but Cole was in the right place to tuck in the rebound after 68 minutes for his first Hammers goal in his second spell at the club.

### MAN CITY 2 FULHAM 0

David Silva struck in each half as champions Manchester City cut Manchester United's lead at the top of the Premier League to four points.

The Spaniard fired home a rebound after just two minutes and then struck a sublime second in the 69th minute as the champions enjoyed a comfortable win over Fulham, who are now just three points above Saints having played a game more.

**FOOTBALL TICKET PRICING SPECIAL - SEE PAGES 28/29**



# Saints Spotlight



## QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"When Lance (Armstrong) cries on Oprah later this week and she passes him a tissue, spare a thought for all of those genuine people who walked away with no reward, just shattered dreams. Each one of them is worth a thousand Lances." - **Former Olympic champion Nicole Cooke retires from cycling with a passing shot at the sport's dopers.**



"Armstrong is the past - Yorkshire is the future." - **Cristian Preudhomme, director of the Tour de France, insists the sport has a bright future following the announcement the 2014 Grand Depart will be held in Yorkshire.**

"I don't play golf for the money, I am well past that." - **Rory McIlroy stresses his priorities after signing a sponsorship deal with Nike worth a reported £156million.**

"We are going to turn up. We have decided we are not cancelling the fixture. I want it noted for the record that we will not cancel this fixture." - **interim coach Scott Johnson mocks observers who have suggested Scotland will be wasting their time by turning up to face England at Twickenham in the Six Nations.**

"I have always found English football fascinating. The support of the home team is amazing. In Italy, Latin people will support you when they are playing and when you lose, they kill you. In England, I'm always surprised that people support everything." - **Former Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola on the attraction of the English game ahead of the celebrations for the Football Association's 150th anniversary.**



"We are only talking only with Jupp Heynckes. Jupp Heynckes is our one and only person to talk to." - **Bayern Munich's media director Markus Horwicz denies speculation linking Pep Guardiola, above, to the manager's job on Tuesday.**

"Pep Guardiola is one of the most successful coaches in the world and we are sure that he can make not just Bayern, but all of German football shine." - **Bayern Munich chief executive Karl-Heinz Rummenigge on Wednesday after the club signs Guardiola to a three-year contract from June.**



**EVERTON'S trip to Saints on Monday could be played out to a snowy backdrop if weather forecasts were proved correct over the weekend.**

If that is the case, it will bring back memories from February 17, 1979.

On that day, Saints' home First Division game with the Toffees was one of only FIVE matches in the four divisions of what was then the Football League to survive an arctic blast.

Saints' 3-0 victory on a pitch covered by a sprinkling of snow - the pictures on these pages show just how white the surface was in places - was the sole top flight game to take place.

Brighton and Leicester hosted Second Division games, while Plymouth hosted the only Third Division match.

The only game to take place in the north of the country was at Wigan Athletic's Springfield Park in the Fourth Division.

Saints were back in action at The Dell three days later, beating Bristol City 2-0 in another league game.

The 1978/79 season remains famous for the winter chill playing havoc with the fixture list.

North of the border, the Scottish Cup clash between Inverness Thistle and Falkirk was postponed 29 times.

Originally due to be played on January 6, the tie eventually took place on February 22.



**GOAL: Phil Boyer slides in to score one of Saints' goals in their 3-0 Dell win over Everton in February 1979.**



**LATEST ON SAINTS - SEE PAGES 1-9**



# Saints Spotlight



## WHEN IT SNOWED BACK IN 1979 – SAINTS WON!



### QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I was being ill all day, I was at the doctor's this morning, struggling to make it to the game and then I was sat at home and I see on the ticker 'Karl Robinson linked with Blackpool'. At that stage I wasn't meant to sit in the dugout, I was meant to sit in a room to watch the game because the doctor told me to stay out the way of everybody, but I thought I can't do that now because it will look a little bit suspect." - **MK Dons boss Karl Robinson struggles through the FA Cup tie against Sheffield Wednesday amid illness and speculation linking him with a Championship vacancy.**



"He does have that media personality as a Cockney chappy who can reel out lines. But as a football coach and a manager he is up there in the last 10 years as one of the best there has been." - **West Brom coach Kevin Keen on QPR manager Harry Redknapp.**

"He is just a very gifted individual in lots of respects, and his biggest asset is his big strong heart and the British bulldog spirit he has got." - **Stoke boss Tony Pulis praises Republic of Ireland International Jon Walters, who bounced back from scoring two own-goals and missing a penalty against Chelsea at the weekend by netting a brace at the right end in Tuesday's 4-1 FA Cup win over Crystal Palace.**

"Football is like that. Sometimes you do things on the field that later you think 'why the hell did I do that?' I was accused of falling inside the box in a match, and it's true I did it that time, because we were drawing against Stoke at home and we needed anything to win it. But after that everybody jumped out to talk – the Stoke



coach, and the Everton coach... I understood that the name Suarez sells (papers)." - **Liverpool striker Luis Suarez, above, admits deliberately taking a tumble against Stoke.**

"I think it is wrong. It is unacceptable. I have spoken to Luis and it will be dealt with internally. Diving is not something we advocate. Our ethics are correct." - **Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers lets Suarez know exactly where the club stand on diving.**

**TODAY'S PREMIER LEAGUE ACTION - SEE PAGE 10**



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## Non-league Action

# Gillespie pulls Totton back from brink

**RICHARD Gillespie buried his third goal in the space of five fruitful days as AFC Totton came back from behind to earn a 1-1 draw at Bideford this afternoon.**

The Evo-Stik Premier Division match was only one in the entire Southern League to survive the snowy weather and the four-and-a-half journey proved worthwhile for Steve Riley's men as they picked up a rare away point, *writes Wendy Gee.*

The Stags again paired Gillespie

up front with on-loan AFC Bournemouth youngster Jordan Chiedoie who had scored one and made three in Tuesday's 4-0 home win over Kettering. Winger Mike Gosney, who has had back problems, was named on the bench.

The early signs were decent for Totton with Gillespie floating a cross-shot just over in the first five minutes and Baily Cargill, another Cherries loanee, making a couple of promising raids down the left.

Bideford responded with two testing crosses which just eluded Ben Wood.

Although the Stags had a lot pos-

session, most of the action unfolded at the other end where Matt Andrew shot wide for Bideford and Rob Farkins' goalbound header was cleared for a corner by Stags centre-back Ross Bottomley.

Totton then had a fortunate escape when, first, Matt Hockley and, then, Kevin Squire narrowly failed to connect with Ian Sampson's menacing 29th-minute corner.

But their luck ran out a minute later when **ANDREW** climbed unchallenged in the six-yard box to head home Sampson's deep cross.

Stags keeper Gareth Barfoot

required treatment after diving at the feet of Sean Downing on the edge of the area and, at the other end, Bottomley had a close-range header punched away by home keeper Tim Sandercombe.

Gosney replaced Jon Davies at half-time and the switch immediately paid dividends as Totton levelled from a set-piece two minutes after the break.

The Bideford defence failed to deal with the winger's delivery and **GILLESPIE** pounced to stab home from six yards.

The home side responded positively with dangerman Downing deliv-

ering two testing crosses and then eluding Cargill's challenge before firing inches over.

With the game becoming scrappy, Barfoot pushed an Andrew shot away and then made a diving save to deny Squire.

Totton's best hope of scoring again came on 83 minutes when Chiedoie latched onto Gillespie's return pass and hit a shot from the corner of the six-yard shot which Sandercombe saved with his legs.

The last threat went to Bideford with Andrew's blast cannoning off Jamie Whisken for a corner.



## Whites red hot

**Salisbury City 3  
Staines Town 1**

THREE goals in the first 20 minutes swept Salisbury City to a 3-1 win over Staines Town in the only Blue Square Bet South match to beat the winter freeze.

It was Salisbury's seventh win in eight matches and extended their lead at the top of the table to nine points, *writes Mike Vimpany.*

An army of Salisbury officials and supporters worked tirelessly since breakfast to clear the pitch of six inches of snow – and their efforts were rewarded with three City goals in the opening 20 minutes.

Staines gifted Salisbury their fourth minute opener with a weak header intercepted by Jamie White, who ran through unchallenged to score his 16th goal of the season.

The Staines defence backed off as Elliott Frear jinked his way into the penalty area before sending a low left-foot shot into the far corner.

Salisbury were 3-0 up in 20 minutes – a neat move with White culminating in Chris McPhee firing a third past Turner.

Jack Mills clipped the top of the Salisbury bar from a free kick, while in first half injury-time David Wheeler burst down the right before unleashed a fierce strike past Mark Scott to make it 3-1 at the break.

The introduction of former Tranmere Rovers midfielder Scott Taylor for Staines made an impact.

Louis-Rae Beadle glanced a header wide from a Staines corner, while Thoe Lewis turned a shot narrowly wide after Stuart Sinclair had orchestrated a flowing Salisbury move down the right.

ENGLAND Under 21 manager and former England star Stuart Pearce surprised local side Sholing FC at their training session this week.

Pearce, who captained his club and country, visited Sholing FC at their training facility at VT Sports Ground in Southampton to hand over there brand new kit, as part of England team sponsor, Vauxhall's, Youth Programme initiative.

Local Vauxhall retailer, Picador PLC has shown their commitment to grass roots football in the area by supplying Sholing FC U18's with a brand new kit football kit.

The former England defender, Pearce, said: "It is great to see a local side enjoying their football and I am delighted to visit the team."

"It is vital that we support grass roots football in England for the good of the game moving forward – this is a fantastic initiative and one I am proud to support."

Graham Jacobs, CEO at Picador, said: "Supplying Sholing FC Under 18's with a brand new kit is just the start-



**WANTED MAN:** Pictured left to right: Carly Kinsley (Sholing FC) Wayne Taylor (Sales manager Picador Vauxhall), Stuart Pearce, Ken Brady (Coach U18's City of Southampton youth league team), Dave Diaper (1st team manger) and Dave Fear (Youth development officer). Pearce with the U18 City of Southampton Youth League team.

ing point to an exciting partnership."

"Vauxhall's sponsorship of Sholing FC Under 18's highlights the importance of sup-

porting the game from the bottom at grass roots level to the top at the International game, and showcases just how committed Vauxhall are as a

Home Nations Football sponsor."

"As well as providing them with their new kit we will have a dedicated member of

our staff working closely with the team, who will give their time and ideas to support the club. They will also provide ideas to help support the club whether it's organising the Christmas Party or transport to games."

The FA Senior National Game Development Manager, Peter Ackerley said: "The FA is working closely with its Youth Partner Vauxhall alongside Sport England to understand the issues around the significant drop off in football at this age and ensure that we address this with the appropriate football offering tailored to engage the youth audience."

"This is about looking at what our young players are telling us and providing them with options to overcome the highlighted barriers, helping transition them into creating a football habit for life."

"We have no doubt the local support of the Vauxhall dealerships will make a significant positive difference to football in their local area."



# Youth Football

## Saints in a search for ladies boss

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Ladies need a team manager next season – for a new reserve side they are looking to enter in the FA Women's Premier League Reserve Section.

Applicants must have as a minimum level 1 coaching, the position will be subject to a full CRB disclosure check and the successful applicant holding a safeguarding children certificate or successfully completing the FA Course. Experience of managing a ladies team would be an advantage.

CVs should be forwarded to club secretary Rachel Murray ([rachelmurray146@btinternet.com](mailto:rachelmurray146@btinternet.com)), club chairman Mike Castle ([ohcomeonref@gmail.com](mailto:ohcomeonref@gmail.com)) or first team manager Adam Lee ([ssglfcfirstteam@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ssglfcfirstteam@hotmail.co.uk)). Details of the club can be viewed on the website [pitchero.com/clubs/southamptonssaints/gfc/](http://pitchero.com/clubs/southamptonssaints/gfc/).

Southampton Saints Ladies first team fixture versus Exeter City was postponed. Next week they are at home to Gloucester City (Locks Heath FC ground – free admission, all welcome). The U16/17s' match versus Widbrook was also postponed.

With all other local pitches unfit Southampton Saints G&LFC U15s had to switch their match to the QEII Ground in Blackfield – and they were able catch-up on their league games in hand – with a 6-0 win against Boscombe Albion.

It was an even start, but an unstoppable free kick from Elle Pearce's sweet left foot from 25 yards broke the deadlock.

Good work down the left by winger Pearce and full back Coral Oakley led to Megan Chapman slotting home from a rebound off the unlucky keeper.

Boscombe fought back and just before halftime Saints' keeper Courtney Trodd made a brilliant point blank save.

Weather conditions worsened in the second half with driving freezing rain. But Saints scored four more. Meg Chapman bagged two to complete another hat-trick, captain Tiff Eley seized on a rebound and player-of-the-match Eilidh Currie capped a classy display in midfield with a top quality finish.

Saints back four were well in charge with Hannah Richards in commanding form.

### League Table

	P	W	D	L	PTS
Winch City Flyers	11	8	2	1	26
sOUTHAMPTON Saints	9	8	0	1	24
Corfe Mullen	10	7	2	1	23
Boscombe Albion U15	12	6	1	5	19
Mudeford Flames	10	5	2	3	17
Crofton Saints	11	2	1	8	7
Oakwood Foxes	10	1	2	7	5
Wimbome	2	0	0	2	0
Sarum Youth	9	0	0	9	0

Warsash Yellow beat Hedge End 2-0 in the only U13 Winchester & District Girls League game. There were no U12 or U10 games.

A New Forest and Winchester U11 District Cup match ended Boscombe Albion Rockets 4 Southampton Saints G&LFC U11 8.

Emily Gook's first goal of the season put Saints ahead. Hard-working midfielder Jennifer King set up Kia Anteny to score and, although Boscombe hit back, Beth Maxwell's first of the season and Jennifer King made it 4-1. Gilham capped her own hard midfield work with a goal.

Rockets pulled it back to 5-2 at the break but Anteny hit them with a long pass from defender Sian Bradbeer only for Boscombe to score. Anteny pounced for her hat-trick, Boscombe scored, but Simge Rosz wrapped up the win.

**New Forest Girls Football League Cups:** U 13 Prelim Round Feb 2: Saints v New Forest Cougars. First round proper (quarter-final) Feb 9: Saints U13 or New Forest Cougars v Boscombe Arrows. U15 first round (quarter final) Feb 9: Crofton Saints v Southampton Saints.



**HOT SHOTS:** John Hanson School's Year 10 football team's succesful penalty shootout team (left to right) Ally McCracken, Charlie Preece, Cameron Tobin, Alex Thomson and Liam Dufall.  
*Picture Andy Brooks*

# Cup shootout drama



**HOT SHOTS:** John Hanson School's Year 10 football team celebrate (top and below) after winning their FA National Knock Out Cup game 4-3 on penalties after finishing 3-3 after extra time against Braydon Forest School from Swindon.  
*Pictures Andy Brooks*



**JOHN Hanson Community School dramatically claimed their place in the last 16 of the ESFA National U15 Schools Cup after a tense penalty shootout in the gathering gloom against Bradon Forest School, from Purton in Wiltshire.**

Locked 2-2 at the end of normal time, it was still all square 3-3 after extra-time before Andover-based John Hanson won the penalty shoot-out 4-3.

Their reward is a home seventh round tie against either Devonians Exmouth Community College or Bristol-based Winterbourne International Academy.

It took a late deflected equaliser in extra-time plus a saved kick and another which rattled the bar to get past Bradon, who appeared to have had the tie sewn up in the extra period.

Ironically, it was a Bradon player with a famous Andover name, goalkeeper Lewis Spackman, whose kick hit the bar and went over which proved the deciding factor.

It was all so different to a frantic beginning when Jack Hughes's inch perfect pass put Charlie Preece through to beat Spackman inside two minutes, but any thoughts of a landslide were dispelled inside ten minutes as Forest's Will Thorne reacted to a loose ball to equalise from the restart.

Moments later Hughes limped off and, as the team regrouped, Luke Neves' long free-kick from near the half way line bounced in past an unsighted Cameron Tobin to give Bradon a 2-1 lead.

John Hanson levelled in the 14th minute as Pete Donkor's free-kick was headed in by skipper Will Hall, but the sides couldn't keep up the intense pace and it WAS 2-2 at the break.

Playing down the slope, Preece almost got on the end of a back pass



**HERO:** John Hanson School keeper Cameron Tobin makes the decisive save in the penalty shootout.  
*Picture Andy Brooks*

inside ten seconds of the restart, Ally McCracken was denied by the feet of Spackman and Alex Thomson's 40 yard volley wasn't far away. But Bradon dominated for long periods with wideman Nouman Farooq-Barthi seeing plenty of the ball.

The tie slipped into mediocrity and extra-time loomed with Tobin saving from Nick Wring. But the keeper could do little minutes later as Will Thorne won a race to the ball and knocked in Bradon's third.

It seemed done and dusted but Thomson slung in another free-kick and Dean Carr's header rolled in via a defender's shoulder to level at 3-3.

With the Andover side missing one penalty, it was in Bradon's hands.

But Tobin kept one out and, when Bradon Forest's final kick went over, the glory stayed with John Hanson, who now await the outcome of the weather delayed Exmouth-Winterbourne tie.

**THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL FIXTURES - SEE PAGE 22**



# Non-league Football

## Christchurch's first four pro footballers ...

### Jody Craddock

Now 37, the defender left Christchurch almost 20 years ago – in the summer of 1993 – to join then Football League club Cambridge United.

Priory had signed the Midlands-born defender from Dorset League outfit Holt United.

He played over 100 league games for them before moving onto Sunderland in 1997.

Craddock also completed a century of league appearances for the Black Cats before joining Wolves in the summer of 2003 for £1.7m.

During his time at Molineux, he has made over 200 league appearances.

In all, he has made over 500 league outings in a distinguished professional

career.

Though only appearing once in the Premier League last season, Craddock was given a one-year contract last summer and is now helping to coach the club's academy youngsters.

### Dan West

Left Christchurch in November 1994 to join Premier Leaguers Aston Villa, though he never made a first team appearance for the Villains.

West had played less than a season and a half in the Priory first team after appearing for Bournemouth League Division 1 outfit Queens Park Athletic in 1992/93.

### Michael Green

Left Christchurch in the summer of 2009, joining AFC Totton initially on loan and then for £7,500.

The full back helped the Stags win the Southern League Division 1 (S & W) title in 2010/11, as well as the Hampshire Senior Cup.

Green had trials with Reading, Millwall and Wycombe prior to joining ex-Saint Micky Adams' Port Vale in July 11.

The 23-year-old made his Football League debut for Vale against Crawley on the opening day of 2011/12.

But he only played three other league games, and a Carling Cup tie, before returning to Hampshire in October 2011 to join Eastleigh on loan.

The move to the Spitfires was later made permanent, and Green has

remained a regular member of the Eastleigh team this season.

### Ben Dickenson

Moved from Christchurch to Dorchester in 2011.

The 19-year-old netted five Conference South goals for the Dorset club in the first half of 2011/12 before joining Brighton & Hove Albion last January for an undisclosed fee.

Went on loan to League 2 outfit Chesterfield back in November, and scored within four minutes of coming on as a second half sub on his debut at Bristol Rovers. Is still at the Spireites, but has failed to score in his subsequent 10 league outings for the Derbyshire club.

# No compromise at 'amateur' Priory

**CHAIRMAN insists Christchurch will resist the temptation to compromise their amateur status despite seeing another young player leave for nothing.**

Duffy was speaking after highly-rated winger Harry Cornick had become the latest product of the Priory conveyor belt to join the professional ranks, writes IAN WADLEY.

Cornick, who progressed through the youth system at Hurn Bridge, this week signed an 18-month deal with Cherries following a successful trial spell at Dean Court.

The 17-year-old will continue to turn out for Christchurch and complete his studies at Poole Grammar School before joining Eddie Howe's squad permanently in pre-season.

While Christchurch are likely to host Cherries in a friendly as part of the deal, the Wessex Premier club will not receive a transfer fee as Cornick was not on contract.

Cornick becomes the fifth Christchurch player to join a professional club, following Jody Craddock (Cambridge United), Dan West (Aston Villa), Ben Dickenson (Brighton) and Michael Green (Port Vale).

Chairman Duffy said: "None of our players are on contract and none get paid. We have no plans to change our ethos.

"Bournemouth are not



BEN DICKENSON



MICHAEL GREEN



DAN WEST

obliged to give us anything but we would hope they would recognise that Harry has come through our development system and offer us at least a friendly.

"We are not in a position to pay players.

"We are an amateur club and we know our position on the ladder.

"We want to work with and develop young players. If they go on to bigger and better things, it helps our credibility and profile.

"We would never stand in any player's way but you just hope people give us something back and enable us in some way to keep doing the work we do.

"They need to support what we are doing so we can keep producing players."

Duffy added: "We are grateful to Bournemouth for allowing Harry to remain with us for the rest of the season.

"It is fantastic news, we appreciate it and it is probably the right thing to do part way through a season.

"We are still competitive at the top of the league and it is important for Harry to continue playing while he continues his development under the umbrella of a professional club.

"Bournemouth will progress him and that will benefit us for the rest of the season."

**NEW CHERRIES SIGNING: Harry Cornick.**

## Sports Quiz

- 1 Which snooker star of the 1980s had the nickname 'The Man in the White Suit'?
- 2 Who was Michael Schumacher's team-mate when made his F1 debut for Jordan at the 1991 Belgian Grand Prix?
- 3 The Nuggets NBA franchise is based in which American city?
- 4 New Scotland manager Gordon Strachan began his playing career at which club?
- 5 Who was the last player to win two of golf's majors in the same calendar year?
- 6 Danny Brough plays for which Super League club?
- 7 Which club won the Football League Cup in 1986?
- 8 England bowler Chris Woakes plays for which county side?
- 9 Manchester City signed striker Mario Balotelli from which club?
- 10 Matt Kvesic plays for which Aviva Premiership club?
- 11 Which two players were sent off in last weekend's Premier League game between Arsenal and Manchester City?
- 12 Nicole Cooke won two Commonwealth Games cycling medals for which country?
- 13 In which year did Graeme Dott win snooker's World Championship?
- 14 England rugby union captain Chris Robshaw represents which Premiership club?
- 15 In which sport could you watch the Yorkshire Jets take on the Manchester Thunder?
- 16 Bayern Munich's manager in waiting Pep Guardiola finished his playing career in which country?
- 17 West Indies batsman Ramnaresh Sarwan played for which English county side last season?
- 18 Jonny Wilkinson has played for which two clubs in his professional rugby union career?
- 19 Tennis player Angelique Kerber represents which country?
- 20 The Los Angeles Kings play in which major American sporting league?

### Answers

Germany; 20 The NHL. Falcons and Toulon; 19 Leicester; 18 Newcastle. Netball; 16 Mexico; 17 2006; 14 Haverhill; 15 Kompany (City); 12 Wales; 13 (Arsenal) and Vincent; 11 Lauren Koscielny; 10 Worcester Warriors; 9 United & Warwickshire; 8 Oxford; 7 Oxford; 6 Padraig Harrington (2008); 5 Cessna; 3 Denver; 4 Dundee; 1 Kirk Stephens; 2 Andrea de



# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

**Brown answers Us SOS**  
OXFORD United are putting their faith in Southampton-born goalkeeper Wayne Brown to get them through the rest of the season.

The Us may have to manage without first-choice number one Ryan Clarke, below, for the remainder of the npower League Two campaign because the former Salisbury City stopper needs operations on both shoulders.

Brown made only his third appearance of the season last Saturday and the player/coach was at fault for the opening goal in United's 2-1 win at Bradford City.

The 36-year-old – brother of Gosport Borough's former Eastleigh midfielder/striker, Jamie – tweeted: "Error by me, but this is part of being a keeper."

Ex-Saint Chris Wilder, Oxford's manager, put the error down to lack of match action but intends to stick with Brown, form permitting.

"Wayne will get us through this period and, if not, we'll have to make a decision off the back of it," he said.

Brown began his youth career with Bashley and went on to play for Chester City, Hereford, Bury and the England C team. He spent a year with SuperSport United in South Africa and signed for Oxford on his return to England in the summer of 2011.

**Burns Night at Totton**  
AFC TOTTON are staging a Burns Night celebration next Friday (January 25, 7.30pm) to mark the official opening of their newly decorated Monarch Suite.

Tickets for the event are £15 a person to include a drink on arrival, traditional Burns Night foot and live entertainment, including a piper and a live Scottish band.

**'Dean double swoop**  
HORNEDEAN boss Dave Carter has brought in two new faces at Five Heads Park. Defender/midfielder Dan Ayres has climbed aboard from Sydenhams Premier rivals Hayling United and is joined by former Gosport frontman/midfielder Lloyd O'Neill who spent the early part of last season with Blackfield & Langley.



## Basingstoke earn Bristow praise

JASON Bristow was brimming with praise for his Basingstoke Town side as they came back from behind to win for a third game running.

Visiting Staines Town took a 13th-minute lead at the Camrose Ground last Saturday, but Stoke hit back for a 3-1 victory courtesy of ex-Eastleigh midfielder Shaun McAuley, Tim Sills and Jay Gasson.

"It was the most enjoyable win of the season for me," admitted manager Bristow. "We had to come back again, which is frustrating, but the composure we showed throughout the game was good."

"We were up against it, losing an early goal and three men – McAuley, Delano Sam-Yorke and Matt Warner – to injury, but we finished the game strongly, so all credit to the players."

Bristow labelled new signing Manny Williams "outstanding" and had high praise for ex-Saints and Eastleigh forward/winger Jordace Holder-Spooner, describing him as "excellent when he came on."

Not so long ago Basingstoke couldn't buy a win, but the tide has turned dramatically with successive victories over Farnborough, Bath and Staines (3-1), lifting them mid-table in the Blue Square Bet South.

Bristow added: "There is a lot of confidence in the group at the moment and winning three games on the bounce will hopefully set us up for the rest of the season."



**ON A ROLL:** Tim Sills, right, was on target in Basingstoke's home victory over Staines.

## Downton forced to replay games after fielding unregistered player

**DOWNTON boss Jeff Softley is determined not to let an unfortunate administrative error wreck the Robins' Sydenhams Premier title chances.**

A strong first half to the campaign had put the Wiltshire club top of the table, but they were dealt a blow this week when the league's management committee ruled that their December games against Christchurch and Alton must be replayed because they fielded an unregistered substitute on both occasions, **writes WENDY GEE.**

Unbeknown to Downton, Matt Gurd, now in his fourth season at Wick Lane, had only been signed on Wyvern Combination League forms for 2012/13 and was not a registered Sydenhams Premier player.

Gurd went on for the last seven minutes of Downton's 3-2 win over Alton, scoring an own goal into the bargain, and played a mere 30 seconds of the 3-1 victory over title rivals Christchurch in which Downton had a man sent off with the score at 1-1.

The league accept it was entirely accidental but, in keeping with their rules, have fined Downton for both offences and ordered them to replay both games.

"Matt's been signed for the club for four years for the reserves and the first team but, whereas players only used to have to sign Wessex forms (when the Wessex Combination was in existence) they now have to sign Wyvern forms too. But as far as the

# I WON'T LET POINTS LOSS DERAILED TITLE CHANCES – SOFTLEY



**JEFF SOFTLEY**

player was concerned he'd signed," said Softley.

"We lost our secretary earlier in the season when Mike Turner left the club and Jim Blake took over for a while.

"We've now got a new secretary Brian Ford, who was at Laverstock, and he's very good. But somewhere along the line we've made a mistake.

"It's disappointing, especially for players who worked so hard to beat Christchurch 3-1 with ten men.

"But no one's to blame. It was a genuine, silly mistake.

"It wasn't intentional and I had hoped the league would just fine us and say we could keep the points, but we've broken the rules, so fair enough. It could have gone the other way and we'd be deducted six points or even kicked out of the league.

"Our chairman (Mark Smith) spoke to all the players individually and, to a man, they all responded

positively. As a manager, it's out of my hands and I was really upset at first. But then I spoke to the chairman and he put a positive slant on it. These things happen and the only thing to do is look forward and move on.

"Hopefully by the time we replay the games the league will be won and the results won't matter too much. I'd hate to think we'd lose the title by three points because of this."

John Gorman, the Sydenhams League competition secretary, stressed: "It wasn't done deliberately and there was no attempt by Downton to deceive or gain advantage but, at this level, you can't play a player who isn't signed on.

"Downton have been fined accordingly and the two games will be replayed when the fixtures secretary Ian Craig can fit them in."

Ruling out any prospect of a Downton appeal, Gorman added:

"There's nothing to appeal against. Quite simply they've broken the rule and they've admitted it.

"What we couldn't do was reverse the outcomes and say, for example, Downton lose three points and Alton get three points. Clubs have to earn points."

Ian Chalk, manager of Downton's neighbours and title rivals Bemerton Heath Harlequins, believes it would have been fairer to all concerned had the league just deducted the points.

"It's not because it's Downton. I'm good friends with them and I hope they do well, but I think replaying games is wrong," he said.

"If the ineligible player had been a quality player, they could have signed him by now. Then they could play him again (in the replayed match) and win the game. Essentially that's no punishment at all."



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## REALIST HILL WILL STICK WITH WHAT HE'S GOT



**NEW SIGNING:**  
Chris Todd.

**WITH half a season's worth of fixtures still to play, Eastleigh boss Richard Hill would love to add two more players to his squad.**

But having recently strengthened with quality centre-backs, Chris Todd and Dean Beckwith, he would understand if the Blue Square Bet South club said enough was enough for the time being.

Asked if he was happy with his new-look squad, Hill said: "In an ideal world I'd like to add a couple to what we've got – not sign players instead of – but that may be more for the summer than now.

"A manager will always want to work with more players, but he doesn't have to pay them.

"It's very easy to spend someone else's money but, if it were the manager's money, would he spend it just the same?

"So yes, I'd like to add to the squad, but that doesn't look like being the case at this time."

Having played just 21 league games prior to today's scheduled trip to Tonbridge Angels, Eastleigh have a lot of football to squeeze in between now and the end of April.

A spate of wet and cold weather postponements has been a major source of frustration for Hill in terms of both games and training being called off.

But the recent introduction of day-time training has lifted his mood with Eastleigh now booked in on Monday and Thursday mornings at nearby Wide Lane.

"We've got 12 or 13 players training in the day now and I've got a couple of the other lads, Dale Binns and Adam

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Everitt, training at Hemel Hempstead Town, who have good facilities," said Hill.

"It's a huge plus to be able to train in the daytime.

"At night we were always scraping around for places to train. It wasn't just my problem, it affected (Hill's predecessor) Ian Baird too.

"It's something that affects lots of clubs like ours. When you try and get training facilities in the evenings you find they're already booked up because it's peak time."

Having spent the bulk of his managerial career assisting the likes of John Gregory at Wycombe Wanderers and QPR, Brian Little at Aston Villa and Andy Hessenthaler at Gillingham, Hill is relieved to be working towards a professional training regime.

"We've got the lads coming in and starting at 11am full of enthusiasm and energy," he said.

"It's so different to training at night when they've had to fight their way through traffic and much depends on the sort of day they've had at work.

"I said all along it was one of my remits to take the club towards more time.

"We're doing two mornings a week if we've got a midweek game and three if we haven't and on one of those mornings we'll do a double session. So actually we're doubling the time with the players by doing four sessions instead of two.

"It makes a massive difference to us, especially in this weather. It's definitely the way to go."



## Chiedozie so quick to impress

AS AFC Totton debuts go, Jordan Chiedozie's ranks as one of the best.

The 18-year-old striker, on loan from AFC Bournemouth, chipped in with a goal and three assists in Tuesday's 4-0 Southern Premier win over basement boys Kettering Town at the Testwood Stadium.

Having sent an early volley over, Chiedozie – son of ex-Tottenham star and Nigerian international, John – announced his arrival on 25 minutes with a teasing low cross that Richard Gillespie fired home at the far post.

With half-time approaching

the dynamic youngster was in the thick of it again – his mis-hit shot falling to the predatory Gillespie who netted a neat overhead finish from close range.

Chiedozie completed his hat-trick of assists midway through the second half, crossing for defender Luke Whitley to bury his first goal for the club.

Then, three minutes later, he got his own Totton account up an running with a smart far-post finish set up by fellow Cherries loanee Baily Cargill.

Chiedozie went off to a standing ovation straight afterwards before collecting the

man-of-the-match award.

"Jordan hadn't been able to train with us, but we had a chat with him beforehand about the way we play and he and Richard Gillespie linked up really well," said Totton boss Steve Riley.

"He had a hand in all the goals and we couldn't have hoped for a better debut."

Riley had moved swiftly to loan Chiedozie after the Stags' versatile striker/midfielder Dave Allen broke a bone in his right foot at Chesham two Saturdays ago.

The fracture, on the outside of his fifth metatarsal bone, is

identical to one he sustained on his left foot while playing for Winchester City five years ago.

On that occasion Allen was out for 16 weeks, but he hopes it will heal quicker this time wearing a large plastic boot to protect the foot.

"Last time I only had cotton wool and a bandage and I kept knocking it which might have delayed the healing process," he said.

"I've got to wear the plastic 'cyber' boot for four weeks at least and go back for an X-ray and an update.

"I will probably know more then."



**JORDAN CHIEDOZIE:**  
Totton loan deal.

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**Sam's the man**

SAM Griffin scored one goal and helped bring about another as Christchurch defeated Alton Town 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Griffin, pictured below, won a penalty from which Ben Osborne fired Priory into an early lead in the Sydenhams Premier Division clash.

**Former Bournemouth Poppies and Christchurch midfielder Scott Sanderson**

levelled for the Brewers, but Griffin struck late to secure the points.

Christchurch are appealing for donations to help complete the new changing rooms at their Hurn Bridge home.

For further information on how to help, contact Mark on 07505 370906.



**Moore work to do ...**

FORMER Brading Town goalkeeper Simon Moore looks like having busy day ahead of him on Sunday, January 27.

The 22-year-old Sandown-born stopper could be up against the likes of Juan Mata, Demba Ba and Frank Lampard, pictured below, when his Brentford side take on Champions League winners Chelsea in the FA Cup fourth round at Griffin Park.

Moore – son of former Brading and Roadsea Southamptons goalkeeper, Phil – was part of the Bees side that defeated Southend United 2-1 in

Tuesday's third round replay.

A former Southampton Academy player, the 6ft 3in 'keeper joined the west Londoners in August 2009 and made his debut the following May as a substitute against Hartlepool United. He has gone on to make 40 appearances for the Bees, including 27 this season.

In November last year he signed a long-term contract to stay at Griffin Park until the summer of 2016.





# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

**Savage backs Winch**  
WINCHESTER City earned national acclaim for their 2-1 victory at Abingdon United last Saturday.

The result ended a run of eight straight Southern One South & West defeats for City, who were named 'non-League team of the day' by BBC Radio 5 Live pundit Robbie Savage, pictured, on the 606 show.



**Vokes signs for Town**  
MATT Vokes – younger brother of Burnley's former AFC Bournemouth and Wolves striker Sam – has signed for Sydenhams Premier strugglers Lymington Town.

He arrives at Southampton Road following his departure from Southern Premier Division neighbours Bashley. A former AFC Bournemouth apprentice, the versatile Vokes cut his teeth in the Cherries youth ranks and was given his first taste of senior football on work experience with Sydenhams outfit Brockenhurst.

He then jumped two steps up the non-League ladder with Bashley, signed by then boss Steve Riley in the summer of 2011.

Vokes made his Lymington debut in a 2-2 draw at Horndean on Tuesday night where goals by Ed Barnes-Andrews and Roy Vinier secured a point.

But with Romsey also drawing, 1-1 at AFC Portchester, Andy Leader's men remained two points adrift at the foot of the table.

**Logan's barren run**  
EX-WYCOMBE Wanderers and Exeter City striker Richard Logan has parted company with Blue Square Bet South outfit Dorchester Town.

The experienced 31-year-old frontman failed to score in six appearances following his arrival in late November and Magpies boss Phil Simkin is disappointed the move did not prove successful.

"Richard is a lovely lad but, sadly, things haven't quite worked out how we had both hoped. We wish him well for the future," he said.

## McCarthy hails Robbo impact



**OWNER Paul McCarthy has welcomed the impact made by Liam Robinson at Winchester City.**

Winchester swooped for the former Eastleigh attacking midfielder, pictured above, when he was released by Southern One South & West rivals Sholing prior to Christmas.

And the move has paid off handsomely for City with Robinson settling in with three goals in his first five games for the cathedral city club.

He opened the scoring as Winchester ended a run of eight straight league defeats with a welcome 2-1 victory at Abingdon United last Saturday.

And, with a touch more composure in one-on-one situations, he might have had a hat-trick.

McCarthy said: "The goal Liam scored was great.

"We played three or four passes and it came to Liam on the edge of the box. He put a bit of swagger on it and curled it into the bottom corner.

"We could have had six goals on the day. They were getting stretched on the break and Liam got through one-on-one with the keeper at least three times.

"But he worked really hard and must have been shattered by the end of the game."

Although City player-boss James Taylor has never played alongside Robinson, their paths have crossed.

"Liam came down to Gosport Borough when I was there and he coaches at Eastleigh's academy where my son goes," he said.

McCarthy added: "James has got great connections in football and Liam is another player he has brought in.

"Liam plays just off the frontman, but he will lead the line if we need to change our shape.

"He's strong, fast and skilful and I think he'll go on and do very well.

"We asked a lot of him at Abingdon, running all over the place with (striker) Ben Penfold and it wasn't an easy game at all. But he's a confident lad and he did well. Three goals in five games is a good ratio."

Robinson missed Tuesday's 1-0 home defeat against league leaders Hungerford with an ankle injury.

Jack Smith (unwell), Andrew White (thigh) and Tom Hutchings (work) were also absent, but it was another promising performance by Winchester who lost out to a 75th-minute Mark Draycott goal which they were convinced was off-side.

It was City's 17th league loss of the season, but there are definite signs of improvement and McCarthy has nothing but praise for the way former Bashley and Havant striker Taylor has rebuilt the side.

"James has done ever so well with virtually a whole new team," he said.

"Since he came in, the squad's been torn apart. There was only one player from last season, Andrew White, who started last Saturday.

"James is a very well respected man in this area with great connections.

"Things can easily change in football, but I think – and hope – we will be together for a long time to come.

"James is very straightforward and calm, whereas I'm just the opposite, like a big, excitable kid!"

Taylor's latest signing is former GE Hamble right-back/midfielder Pip Nolan, signed from Sydenhams One outfit Brockenhurst.

## Baggridge back for third spell at Tatnam



TOM Killick hopes the signing of Rhys Baggridge will help promotion-chasing Poole Town prosper during a "defining period" for his team.

Killick has moved to bolster his resources by drafting in fans' favourite Baggridge for a third loan spell with the Southern One South & West title hopefuls.

The 20-year-old Welsh centre-back first impressed for the Dolphins while on loan from Yeovil Town last season. But his stay was cut short by emergency loan rules and he ended the campaign with Weymouth

before being released by the Glovers.

Killick tried to lure the free agent back to Tatnam over the summer, but Baggridge, pictured, impressed on trial with Blue Square Bet South leaders Salisbury City and earned himself a one-year contract.

He returned to Poole on a month's loan in October and is now back with the Dolphins yet again as they seek to close the gap on league leaders Hungerford Town in the race for the South & West title.

Killick explained: "I was looking for a defensive addi-

tion and this is the third spell Rhys has had at the club.

"I know him very well and he gets on well with the players, so we hope he can fit in straight away.

"It is going to be a defining period for us, so we would have been foolish to risk not being strong as a squad during this time."

Poole kept the heat on Hungerford with a 4-0 home win over Cinderford on Tuesday.

An own goal got them off the mark followed by efforts from Will Spetch, Carl Preston and Michael Charles.

## Ex-Saint handed Oxford chance



EX-SAINT Callum McNish has been given the chance to resurrect his career with Blue Square Bet North club Oxford City.

The 20-year-old, pictured, who lives in nearby Kidlington, has signed for The Hoops following his release from Basingstoke Town.

McNish started his professional career with Saints, whom he joined as a scholar, making his debut as a 17-year-old against Carlisle.

After being released from St Mary's he spent a season at Exeter City before signing for Braintree Town.

McNish had a loan spell with BSB South outfit Eastleigh earlier this season and joined league rivals Basingstoke on a permanent basis in September.

But things did not work out at the Camrose Ground and City boss Mike Ford has given him one more throw of the dice.

"He is 6ft 1in and is technically very good," said Ford.

"Callum's been training with us and he looks after the ball really well, but the only way you can tell is if you play them.

"It's the last chance saloon for him."

McNish made his Oxford debut last Saturday, playing 78 minutes of their 1-0 league win at Guiseley.



# Non-league Football



**KEY MAN:** Chris Giles, centre, in action for Salisbury City.

## GILES: MY DEBT TO CITY FANS

**Salisbury supporters help pay for defender's season-saving operation**

**SALISBURY** City fans have contributed £2,600 towards a season-saving operation for skipper and defender Chris Giles.

And now the 30-year-old former Forest Green Rovers and Crawley Town man wants to repay them with promotion from the Blue Square Bet South, **writes WENDY GEE.**

Until Whites supporters chipped in, Giles feared he would have to join the NHS waiting list for an arthroscopy operation on his injured ankle.

But the generosity of the fans ensured he could go private and, after undergoing surgery last week, he hopes to be back playing by March.

"If it wasn't for the supporters I wouldn't have been back playing for a long time," he acknowledged.

"The fans held a collection which raised £600, the Supporters Trust added £500 and one fan, who wanted to remain anonymous, made a donation of £1,500 which was wonderful.

"I may be back around March, but I'll listen to my body. Hopefully I can pay the fans back."

Welshman Giles was snapped up by Salisbury following his release from Crawley in January 2010 and



stuck by the club despite their double demotion from the Conference National.

He was awarded the captain's armband for his loyalty and became a key member of the side until midway through the 2010/11 campaign when he was granted a six-month leave of absence for personal reasons.

## White-hot Jamie

**EX-SAINT** Jamie White's spectacular injury-time winner sealed table-topping Salisbury City a thrilling 4-3 victory over cellar dwellers Truro at the RayMac on Tuesday.

In a gripping game, Salisbury went 2-0 up through brace man Chris McPhee, but were pegged back either side of the break by Barry Hayles and Kieffer Moore.

After Theo Lewis had restored the hosts' advantage, Martin Watts again pulled the Cornish side level before White's, pictured left, stunner settled matters in

stoppage time.

The win hoisted Salisbury six points clear of Welling at the summit and came on the back of manager Darrell Clarke completing a deal which will keep him at the club until the summer of 2015.

"I'm pleased to have got my future sorted out," said Clarke, who succeeded ex-Saint Tommy Widdrington at the helm.

"It's been a fantastic two-and-a-half years and the board has always backed me. I'm just delighted I can stay at Old Sarum."

He returned to the City fold in pre-season 2011 and agreed a new one-year contract with the Whites in March last year – only to be cursed by injury.

Giles originally had his ankle operated on last April, but it was unsuccessful.

He made a brief return to action in October, but didn't make a full

recovery and frustratingly found himself watching on from the sidelines again.

He admitted: "Last year was a nightmare. It's so frustrating watching from the stands. I just want to get going again."

"I'd like to thank everyone who's supported me and for their kind contributions."

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**Ex-Pompey star signs**  
**FORMER** Portsmouth star and Jamaican international Paul Hall has joined the coaching team of Northern Premier Division One South club Romulus.

The 40-year-old former Pompey, Coventry and Walsall forward returns to the game after a year out following a spell as assistant manager at Mansfield Town.

**Youth role for Martin**  
**FORMER** Bashley and Basingstoke midfielder Craig Martin has accepted the role of youth development officer with north Hampshire club Fleet Town.

Martin was part of Fleet's first team squad in the Evo-Stik Southern Division One Central earlier this season, but his main focus now is bringing the best local talent to the club.

"Craig is a former professional at Torquay United and has played for a number of non-League clubs too," said a Fleet statement. "He's a first-class coach with a wealth of knowledge and we are very excited about this appointment. We look forward to continuing the fantastic success of our youth development programme."

**United's final carrot**  
**LONGMEADOW** will host the final of the Basingstoke Senior Cup this season – and residents Whitchurch United still have a chance of being there. They face Fleet Town in the quarter-finals and then travel to either Thatcham Town or Tadley Calleva.

The other semi-final will see Alton Town or Hungerford Town take on the winners of AFC Aldermaston versus Welly Old Boys tie.

**Sponsorship deal**  
**ANDOVER'S** fastest growing estate agent, Austin Hawk, are sponsoring Sydenhams One outfit Andover New Street. Director Dean Austin said: "I played for New Street from the age of 11 for over a decade and am delighted to make this pledge to a club that serves all ages."

New Street chairman Mick Bugg added: "We have known Dean for a long time and are delighted to see Austin Hawk doing so well and being associated with the club."

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## LOCAL FOOTBALL THIS WEEK

Monday, January 21

### EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Hitchin v Barwell.

Division One South & West: Mangotsfield v Sholing.

Tuesday, January 22

### BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

South: Dorchester v Farnborough, Dover v AFC Hornchurch, Eastleigh v Truro City, Sutton v Weston-super-Mare.

### EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Arlesey v Redditch, Bideford v Cambridge City, Chesham v Leamington.

Division One South & West: Evesham v Wimbome, Paulton Rovers v Cinderford (7.30), Shortwood v Swindon Supermarine.

### HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP

Quarter-final: AFC Totton v Gosport Borough, Havant & Waterlooville v Sholing, GE Hamble v Alresford Town.

### SYDENHAMS LEAGUE

Premier Division: Blackfield & Langley v Horndean, Christchurch v Newport IoW, Downton v Verwood, Fareham v Lymington, Romsey v Bemerton HH.

### BASINGSTOKE SENIOR CUP

Quarter-final: Alton Town v Hungerford.

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Division One East: Hayling Utd v Fareham Town.

Division One West: New Milton v Hythe & Dibden.

Wednesday, January 23

### BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

South: Chelmsford v Eastbourne Borough.

Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Taunton (7.30), Clevedon v Poole Town.

### SYDENHAMS LEAGUE

Premier Division: Totton & Eling v New Milton.

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern League Cup, quarter-final: Sholing v Salisbury City.

Premier Division: Fleet Town v Poole Town, Moneyfields v Christchurch.

Division One East: Horndean v GE Hamble.

Wyvern Challenge Shield, second round: AFC Totton v AFC Portchester, Wimbome Town v Group E winner.

### ISLE OF WIGHT CHALLENGE CUP

First round: Newport IoW v Pan Sports.

Thursday, January 24

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: Bashley v Bemerton HH, Winchester City v Dorchester Town.

Division One West: Blackfield & Langley v Verwood.

Saturday, January 26

### BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

South: AFC Hornchurch v Tonbridge Angels, Basingstoke v Welling, Billericay v Sutton, Boreham Wood v Salisbury, Bromley v Weston-super-Mare, Dorchester v Havant & Waterlooville, Eastleigh v Farnborough, Hayes & Yeading v Bath City, Maidenhead v Dover, Staines v Eastbourne Borough, Truro v Chelmsford.

### EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Totton v St Neots, Arlesey v Leamington, Barwell v Bashley, Bedworth v Bedford, Chippenham v Banbury, Frome v Cambridge City, Gosport Borough v Chesham, Hemel Hempstead v Weymouth, Kettering v St Albans, Redditch v Bideford, Stourbridge v Hitchin.

Division One South & West: Bridgwater v Poole Town, Cinderford v Mangotsfield, Didcot v Winchester City, Evesham v Cirencester, Hungerford v Bishops Cleeve, Merthyr Town v Clevedon, North Leigh v Swindon Supermarine, Sholing v Abingdon Utd, Shortwood v Tiverton, Wimbome v Paulton Rovers, Yate v Taunton.

### SYDENHAMS LEAGUE

Premier Division: Christchurch v Fareham, Fawley AFC v Bournemouth, GE Hamble v Blackfield & Langley, Hayling Utd v Hamworthy Utd, Horndean v Alton, Moneyfields v Alresford, New Milton v Downton, Newport IoW v Bemerton HH, Romsey Town v Verwood, Totton & Eling v AFC Portchester.

Division One: Amesbury v Fleet Spurs, Brockenhurst v Pewsey Vale, Cowes Sports v Laverstock & Ford, Hythe & Dibden v Andover New Street, Petersfield v Team Solent, Ringwood v East Cowes Vics, Tadley Calvea v Stockbridge, Whitechurch v US Portsmouth.

### PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

PEHPL Senior Cup, quarter-final: Colden Common v Liss Athletic (1.30).

Senior Division: (2.00 kick-offs) Bournemouth Sports v Overton, Clanfield v Liphook, Fleetlands v Otterbourne, Hamble Club v AFC Aldermaston, Hedge End Rangers v University of Portsmouth, Paulsgrove v AFC Stoneham, QK Southampton v Locks Heath, Winchester Castle v Sporting Bishops Waltham.

PEHPL Combination Cup, quarter-finals: (1.30 kick-offs) AFC Stoneham v Colden Common, Locks Heath v Hedge End Rangers, Otterbourne v Fleetlands, Overton v Paulsgrove.

Combination Division: (2.00 kick-offs) AFC Aldermaston v Liss Athletic, Liphook v Winchester Castle, Sporting Bishops Waltham v Clanfield.

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Andover Lions v Upham, Broughton v Lyndhurst, Crusaders v Four Marks, Durlay v Infinity, Forest Town v Michelmersh & Timsbury.

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: Bemerton HH v Winchester City.

Division One East: Alresford v GE Hamble, Alton Town v Hayling Utd, Fareham Town v Tadley Calvea, Team Solent v Petersfield, US Portsmouth v Whitechurch.

Division One West: Blackfield & Langley v New Milton, East Cowes Vics v Romsey, Laverstock & Ford v Downton, Lymington Town v Ringwood, Verwood v Fawley AFC.

## Pike makes big signing

GOSPORT Borough have strengthened their squad with 6ft 3in utility man Pete Macklin.

The former Hungerford and Mangotsfield player is principally a striker or midfielder but can also do a job in central defence.

"At this stage of the season it is good to be able to sign a player who can fill in a number of positions," said manager Alex Pike, pictured right.

Borough dropped to tenth in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division standings on Tuesday after failing to break down Frome Town in freezing conditions at Privett Park.

But the 0-0 draw stretched their awesome unbeaten league run to 13 games.

Frome's Dave Gilroy squandered the best opening of the first half, misfiring from a yard out.

Borough's best chance fell to the

division's top gun Justin Bennett, but he too squandered a close-range chance.

It was Borough's second 0-0 in four days, following on from Saturday's goalless stalemate at draw specialists Chippenham Town.

Once again Gosport's best chance of victory fell to Bennett, but the former Andover and Eastleigh hot-shot was denied by two smart saves from Bluebirds keeper Ben John.



## ROBBO HAILS FEENEY CLASS

IT'S not often a manager applauds an opposition goal – particularly one that denies his team victory.

But Alresford Town co-boss Danny Robinson couldn't help but marvel at the majestic movement of Totton & Eling striker Craig Feeney as the young gun earned his side a share of the spoils in the recent 2-2 draw at Little Testwood Farm.

Alresford have not dropped too many points this season, but the Millers have been a real thorn in their side, earning a win and a draw from two roller-coaster Sydenhams Premier encounters.

And it's movement and awareness of the sharp-shooting Feeney, pictured, that has proved the difference between the teams.

Having weighed in with a hat-trick as the Millers clawed back from 2-0 down to win 4-2 at Arlebury Park in September, the 20-year-old former Fawley AFC frontrunner was again at his predatory best two Fridays ago to twice wipe out Alresford leads.

Back in September Robinson admitted Feeney had "run Alresford ragged" and it was pretty much the same story in the return encounter.

First he bundled home Jack Odam's low cross and then he got himself in the right place at the right time to capitalise on Steve Green's superb break down the left.

"Craig always seems to score against us, but we knew what to expect from him," said Robinson who, along with co-boss Tim Cole, tried to sign Feeney when the youngster left Fawley the summer before last.

"He has the goalscoring ability and movement to be a top player."

"His movement for his second goal was so good that I sat in the dugout and applauded it myself."

"We spoke to our two centre-backs Stuart Mott and Lee Wood beforehand and said he would be a handful."

"Craig doesn't always have too much to do with the build-up play, but when the ball goes into the box, you have to switch on around

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him or else he will do you damage."

Feeney has already had a taste of Southern League football while dual-signed with Gosport Borough and there could well be a stampede for his signature once he finishes his electrician's apprenticeship later this year.

In the meantime, the pacy youngster is soaking up expert advice like a sponge and making life hell for Sydenhams Premier defences.

While at Gosport, Feeney benefited from playing alongside seasoned ex-pro Steve Claridge. At Totton & Eling, he has player/coach Jo Tessem, the former Saints and Norway forward, steering him in the right direction.

"I can imagine that (T&E boss) Kev Dawtry has had quite a few enquiries about Craig and he's done well to keep hold of him," said Robinson.

"I think the lad could go higher, but the good thing about him being at Totton & Eling is that he's playing as their main centre-forward week in, week out."

"Some players, especially younger ones, jump the gun by going off to bigger clubs too soon."

"If you stay with one club and do well, the offers will come in – Mr Austin (Burnley's former Poole Town striker Charlie) is proof of that!"

Robinson is not just complimentary of Feeney, but of the whole Totton & Eling team. The Millers are knocking around in mid-table and the Alresford co-boss feels they should be higher with the quality they possess.

"We had some really good chances, including a couple cleared off the line early on, but possession-wise and passing-wise they played us off the park – and we like to think we play good football," he said.

"I think Totton & Eling are in a false position."

Inconsistency has been a hallmark of T&E's season, however, and on Tuesday they were well beaten 4-0 at GE Hamble.



# Non-league Football

## MAGPIES DON'T WANT TO LOSE 'LOVEABLE IDIOT'

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**ALRESFORD Town will do everything in their power to keep "loveable idiot" Carl Saunders involved with the club following the devastating news that his football career is over.**

The Magpies were hopeful of seeing the popular midfielder back in action before the end of the season after he suffered a serious knee injury in the Hampshire Senior Cup tie at East Cowes Vics in October.

But specialists have advised against him ever playing again for fear of doing irreparable damage.

"Carl went to make a tackle and got his studs caught in the ground and ripped his meniscus knee muscles," said Alresford co-boss Danny Robinson.

"He had an operation and he'd been making good progress lately, swimming and going out on his bike, and we'd hoped to have him back by the end of the season."

"But he was told this week that contact sport is ill-advised because of the weakness in the knee. If it were to go once more, it could be that no operation could save it and Carl's a young lad of 22 with all his life ahead of him, plus he works as well."

"I'm gutted for him. He's a terrific player and one of the best lads to have come along."

"He's always bright and bubbly and he lives and breathes football."

A gifted central midfielder, formerly with Basingstoke Town, Saunders joined Alresford from Sydenhams Premier rivals Alton a year ago.

"I knew Carl when he was at Basingstoke and always wanted him when he was at Alton," said Robinson.

"He started the season really well and he's a great character too. Every club needs a loveable idiot and Carl is our loveable idiot! He's a massive part of the changing room."

"We'll look after him as best we can and hopefully he might be able to get his boots on, do a bit of coaching and help with the warm-ups and so on."

"But some footballers find it hard to watch and I think Carl's a bit like that."

"But we'd love to get him involved and keep a smile on his face as much as we can."

Unfortunately for Alresford, they will also be seeing less of striker Steve Harding – scorer of 14 goals in 24 appearances – in the new year.

The prolific marksman, signed



## Robins rocked by Urry injury

**SYDENHAMS** title chasers Downton were this week crushed to hear that talented midfielder/forward Danny Urry faces up to a year on the sidelines.

The former Laverstock & Ford and Swindon Supermarine man, pictured, has missed the last eight weeks with a knee problem, but it is only now that the full extent of the injury has emerged.

"Danny's just found out that it's a cruciate ligament damage and he could be out for a year," confirmed Robins boss Jeff Softley.

"It's really bad news. Danny is one of the best people I've ever managed, both as a player and as a person."

"He's only 21 and he's such a talent. Everyone we play against says what a quality player he is and he's a great lad to have around the changing room."

It was former Salisbury City chairman and Laverstock boss Neville Beal who first alerted Softley to Urry's talent.

"Nev said you've got to sign this lad because he's a great player and one of the nicest blokes you will ever meet – and he was spot on," said Softley.

"The place lights up when Danny walks into the changing room."

"It's a real blow for us, but I'm hoping we can get him on board on the management side until he's ready to play again."

from Hampshire Premier League champions Liphook United during the summer, is finding the time demands of the Sydenhams League tough to cope with.

"Steve can't be as committed any more," Robinson explained. "He's

got work commitments and a young nipper at home and he was struggling to play and train twice a week."

"It's a pity because he'd done well for us, but we're quite blessed to have the forwards we've got – Zach

Glasspool, Mike McEnery, Suhail Odeh, Warren Bentley etc."

"It said it all at Totton & Eling when Mike went off injured and Zach came straight on and scored with a free kick before setting up a goal for Warren."

## Non-league News

## Robinson salutes cup heroes

**ELATED** Alresford Town are through to their first ever Sydenhams Wessex League Cup final.

The merry Magpies won a tight game 2-1 against Division One underdogs East Cowes Vics at Cams Alders, Fareham, on Tuesday thanks to first-half goals from Zach Glasspool, pictured below, and Ashley Ledger.

"It was difficult to play any sort of football on a pitch that was frozen in some parts and soft in others," admitted co-manager Danny Robinson.

"It was quite a close match and I can only commend East Cowes for their performance."

"But we're delighted to be in our first big cup final."

"We've got an incredible bunch of lads with a willingness to do well."

Alresford will meet the winners of the January 29 semi between Blackfield & Langley and last season's runners up

Brockenhurst, to be played at Fawley AFC.

"From a personal point of view I'd like to play Blackfield because they're one of the best teams in the Premier Division and I love an underdog story," said Robinson.

"Brock are in Division One, but you only need to look at the teams they've beaten on their way to the semi to see they've got a Premier Division squad."

Blackfield co-assistant manager Glenn Burnett is full of admiration for Alresford and rates them as the success story of the Sydenhams season so far.

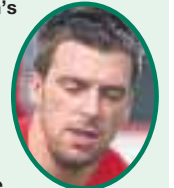
Not only are the Magpies through to the cup final, but they are also in with a fighting chance of lifting the league title.

"What a season they're having!" said Burnett. "I've got so much respect for what they're doing."

"It's a great achievement for them to get to the cup final and, whatever happens in the league now, they've done brilliantly."

Even if they were to drop three or four places, it will have been a tremendous season for them."

This season's Sydenhams League Cup final is scheduled for Good Friday (March 29) at a venue to be arranged.







GEORGIA HALL

## Georgia takes aim for Rio

GEORGIA Hall hardly dared dream her love of golf could one day lead to the cusp of an Olympic Games, but with the sport's return in Rio now just a sand wedge away, the 16-year-old from Bournemouth is intent on seizing her unlikely chance.

Golf's elevation to Olympic status might not have been a universally popular choice, but it has found a staunch ambassador in Hall, who believes it will help inspire a new generation of British – and in particular female – golfing talent.

Hall is this week experiencing her first taste of a multi-sports Games at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney, where she was nominated flag-bearer for the Great Britain team ahead of the start of the 11-sport programme on Wednesday.

Hall said: "It doesn't matter if you're a golfer or a tennis player, the Olympics is massive and it is incredible to think that after such a long absence from the Olympic programme, I have a chance of going to Rio."

"Just to represent Great Britain and aim for the gold medal would be amazing. But I think being part of the Olympics will inspire a new generation of girls to take up the sport. I would love to think my success could inspire others to do so."

After making a big impression on the amateur circuit – Hall this year won three prestigious tournaments, finishing top of the European Ladies rankings and fourth in the world – she is mulling over the possibility of turning professional.

"I am not in any rush to change things at present and everything is still very much a new experience for me," added Hall.

"But I want to play in more professional events and see where I stand before making the choice."

"I have always played in older age groups so the next stage for me is to move on from the juniors and play in more of the ladies' competitions. I need to take the chance to establish myself more on the senior circuit."

Hall started playing golf at the age of seven, long before the sport was seriously being reconsidered for a return to the Olympic programme. Its last appearance was in 1904, although women's golf has taken place just once, in 1900.

"I didn't get much chance to watch the London Olympics because I was in the middle of the golf season, but obviously I loved watching Usain Bolt," said Hall.

"I love guys like Bolt and Tiger Woods who have the ability to stand out."

Hall is part of a 120-strong team in Sydney aged between 12 and 20.

She added: "It is a real honour to be one of the first golfers to represent Team GB for a very long time. I am thrilled to have been selected to carry the flag."

# PLAY IT AGAIN

## Hutsby ready to put dark days behind him



**FRESH START:** Hampshire golf pro Sam Hutsby, main picture and inset.

"It was a real eye-opener. In the first minute I'm playing on the tour, and the next minute I thought I could be on the Tour, which would have been a massive step down."



# W, SAM



**BY HIS own admission, Sam Hutsby has been through some "terrible times" since bursting onto the professional golf scene.**

But that is all about to change, according to the talented Liphook star.

Hutsby, 24, has learned what he believes were some harsh but nonetheless valuable lessons in his first three years as a pro.

Now, having emerged from a 2012 season that was arguably the worst of his career, he is armed with a fresh outlook and a new mindset.

"I feel like I've been thrown everything that can be thrown at me, all the highs and lows, and my head is clear now," Hutsby said.

"Mentally, I feel so much better. I'm in a much better place now."

To fully understand where Hutsby is now, we must appreciate where he has been.

It was just a few seasons ago that he was rated as one of the hottest young prospects in the sport.

In the weeks after turning professional, following the 2009 Walker Cup, Hutsby contended for European Tour titles and finished second at qualifying school to secure his first pro card.

Britain's former number one amateur seemed set to take the golfing world by storm.

But then his progress stalled.

Hutsby's form began to slip away, and much of his focus since those incredible opening weeks in the pro ranks has been simply on keeping his tour status intact.

No year was more difficult in that respect than his last one.

Hutsby finished outside the top 200 in the European Tour's order of merit and only avoided the ignominy of falling onto a satellite tour after an impressive display of iron nerve at qualifying school.

"I finished so low on the order of merit that I put myself in such a bad position and didn't have any status," he said.

"It was a real eye-opener. One minute I'm playing on the main tour, and the next minute I thought I could be on the EuroPro Tour, which would have been a massive step down for me."

Hutsby puts a large portion of his struggles down to ceding too much control of his game when he arrived in the "circus" of the pro ranks.

"I've been lacking a bit of consistency, mainly because I changed quite a lot since turning pro, which looking back on I kind of regret," he said.

"I sort of got sucked into thinking that I had to get to that next level."

"But I showed when I turned pro that I had the game to compete."

"I think everything happened for me so quickly when I turned pro."

Now, with a more experienced head on his young shoulders, Hutsby is intent on getting back to what made him so successful in the first place.

He has joined a new management company, a small venture run by Tommy Flinn and Brian Roake, two people he worked with during his amateur days with Hampshire and England, and who Hutsby feels comfortable with.

He currently has no coach and, although he will look to add one, he is happy for the moment working at the range on his own.

"I just seem to have a lot more control than over the last three years," said Hutsby, who continues to receive input from perhaps his most trusted adviser – his dad, Bruce.

"Sometimes you've got to do what's best for you."

"I think I sometimes try and make everyone around me happy, and that's

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not always the right thing to do.

"As my dad said to me 'You are your own boss. You've got to do what's best for you.'"

"I took two weeks off after tour school then went to the range and it was the best I've ever hit it, because I wasn't thinking about it."

"I'm in a much better place now. I can't wait to start the new season."

"I'm going to work really hard on my game and just keep it really simple. I hope if I do that it's going to equal a good result."

There has never been any doubt that Hutsby has the talent to be a magnificent player. Even during his darkest hours, he has posted some wonderful scores.

But he admits he must rediscover the sort of consistency he so impressively displayed when he rose to become one of the top amateurs in Europe.

"I've been through some terrible times, but even in the middle of that I've been able to post some good scores," he said.

"I could shoot eight-under, but the next day I wouldn't know if it would be eight-under or eight-over. It's just inconsistency."

That inconsistency has come with a silver lining, however. Hutsby believes the battles he has had to fight have made him a much stronger competitor.

"I think it's made me a lot mentally tougher," he said. "I had a lot of criticism from certain people, which you're always going to get."

"It makes you want to work even harder. I'm working hard off the course trying to get the right team behind me and working hard on my fitness and strength."

Hutsby certainly has no reason to doubt his fortitude, after it was tested to the limit at qualifying school in November.

Going into the critical fourth round of the final stage – he had earlier had to safely navigate the second stage as well – Hutsby was outside the cut line.

Failure to rectify that would mean missing the final two days of competition and losing all of his tour playing rights. Make the cut and he would at least have a Challenge Tour ranking.

"I didn't get any sleep after the third round," Hutsby confessed. "I knew I had to shoot a couple under to make the cut."

"I was lying in bed just thinking about the whole thing and I had a little word to myself."

"I said 'You've got five hours of golf to do it in, and no one else is going to do it for you.'"

"Thankfully, I got off to a great start and shot two-under to make the cut. But I have never been so nervous on a golf course."

"I was so proud of myself in the end. I was obviously disappointed I didn't get a main tour card, but everything happens for a reason."

Hutsby will spend this year on the Challenge Tour, the secondary circuit to the European Tour.

It is not where he wants to be plying his trade long-term, but he plans to use the experience as a positive as he bids to return to the top table.

"I think it's a fantastic tour," he said. "I have always kind of fallen down onto it and maybe taken it for granted a bit at times."

"My goal is obviously not to play Challenge Tour in the years to come, but I always thought as an amateur that was the way you made your way onto the main tour."

"I'm pretty much going to play in everything on the Challenge Tour. It's going to be a busy season."

Listening to Hutsby, there is plenty of reason to believe it will be a successful one too.

## SPORTING MEGA DEALS

**RORY McIlroy is all set to become one of the biggest earners in sporting history after confirmation of a multi-year sponsorship deal with Nike.**

Although the exact length of the deal was not revealed, it has been widely reported to be a ten-year contract worth as much as £150m if McIlroy, previously with Titleist, goes on winning majors.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at some of the groundbreaking commercial contracts which have been signed by sportsmen.

### TIGER WOODS (golf)

McIlroy may have overtaken Woods as the game's current best golfer, but the American's commercial income is still vast. In 2000 Woods signed a new five-year deal with Nike



believed to be worth £62m. Forbes estimated he made £44m in the 12 months between June 2002 and 2003 and, with his contract being linked to sales, they claim

last year he earned £34m more in endorsement income than the top ten golfers averaged over the past 12 months.

### DAVID BECKHAM (football)

The former England captain is an internationally-recognised figure and his contract with adidas reflects that. In 2003 he signed what Forbes described as the biggest commercial contract in sports history which – with a 50 per cent payment up front, a percentage of profits from sportswear sales and promotional work – amounted to £100m.

### LEBRON JAMES (basketball)

Before he had even played a single minute in the NBA, James



secured the biggest basketball shoe deal ever in 2003 – a reported £56m seven-year contract with Nike. He signed a new deal in 2010 on similar terms.

### GEORGE FOREMAN (boxing)

Foreman made a comfortable living in the ring in the 1970s but his income stream soared when he went into retirement. In 1999 the former heavyweight champion signed a deal with Salton to put his name to their grilling machine for a reported £85m. Prior to this deal the company was paying Foreman and his two partners 60 per cent of the profits from grill sales.

### HENRY COOPER (boxing)

England's heavyweight champion, whose career peaked in the decade before Foreman, did not fare so well on the commercial side as his American counterpart. Cooper was the star of Brut after-shave commercials in the 1970s and although no details of his income from that are available, when he died in 2011 he left an estate worth £747,098.

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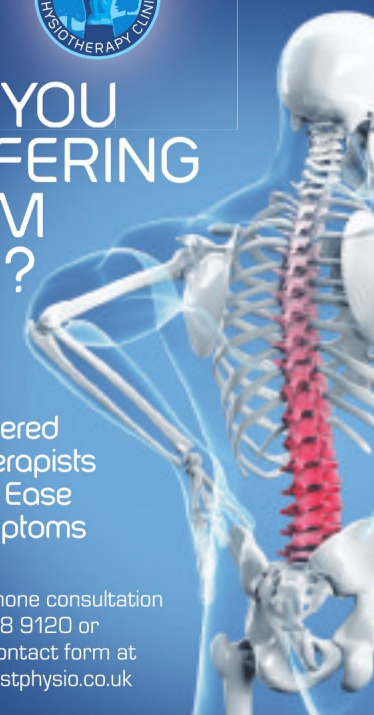
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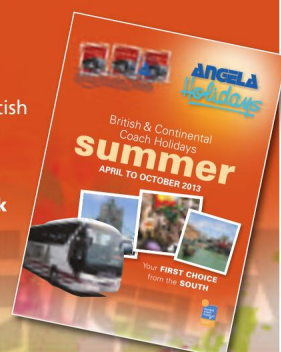
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# Saints Spotlight



## BOOK OF THE WEEK

**Up Pohnpei**  
Leading the ultimate football underdogs to glory  
By Paul Watson

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January has just about slipped by, the usual mixture of compromised new year resolutions, dawning financial reality (yes, that's your festive season credit card bill on the doormat) and an understandable reluctance to commit yourself fully to your role at Acme Umbrella Parts.

So if your forthcoming pay cheque is likely to be blown on much-needed over-indulgence, may your reviewer strongly recommend setting a tenner aside to buy *Up Pohnpei*, one of the most inspirational sports books you'll ever read?

Like most good stories, this one begins late at night when conversation, liberally fuelled by alcohol, veers towards the seemingly impossible. Ordinarily, undertakings made during such nights are quickly forgotten by the next morning, but Paul Watson and his pal, Matt Conrad, are made of sterner stuff. Their idea of finding the world's weakest football nation



and becoming naturalised citizens in order that they may both play for the country and so earn an international cap lingers. It transpires that Pohnpei, a Pacific island

which forms one of the four states in the Federated States of Micronesia, is deemed home to the globe's worst international team.

Accordingly, our intrepid duo contact the island's FA, at which point their longer-term aim of becoming international footballers takes an unexpected twist. What the Pohnpei FA is desperately short of is coaching and leadership.

What to do? Travel 8,000 miles to the island of course to assess the task at hand. It is truly enormous, but that doesn't deter these guys who, aided by Dishan, best described as 'a football mad local', embark on a journey which has you willing them on as they encounter enough obstacles to last a lifetime.

### Quiz question:

We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month & have a copy of *Up Pohnpei* to give away.

To win this week's sports book, go to their website ([sportsbookofthemonth.com](http://sportsbookofthemonth.com)) and answer the following question:

Where are FIFA's headquarters located?

# Fans angry at ticket prices

THE Football Supporters' Federation has called on top-flight clubs to pass on the benefit of next season's bumper new TV deal to fans by reducing ticket prices.

The FSF claims it is unfair that clubs such as Arsenal should charge away fans from the top clubs one figure, and those from less high-profile clubs half as much – Stoke fans will only have to pay £35.50 compared to Manchester City being charged £62.

Other fans' groups have called for a cap of £20-£25 for away fans' tickets.

A Premier League spokesman

said: "Ticket pricing is a matter for individual clubs, many of which work hard to fill their stadiums with offers at different points during a season that make top-flight football accessible to large numbers of fans."

"We have always encouraged stretch pricing to help accessibility, and it is against Premier League rules to charge away fans more than home fans for the same standard of seats."

"The quality and safety of stadia is as a result of extensive and continued investment from the clubs."

"Fans clearly enjoy the

environment in which they watch Premier League matches and the football on offer, with occupancy rates at grounds tracking at 95 per cent for this season and having been 90 per cent-plus for the last 15 seasons in a row."

FSF chairman Malcolm Clarke claimed there is no justification for such pricing structures, especially with the new three-year domestic and overseas TV deals likely to total £5billion.

He said: "We estimate clubs could cut £32 off the cost of every single ticket purely from the increase in the TV pot this time around."

"There are many ways of measuring what is the best league."

"But if you look at the Bundesliga, where fans can attend matches for 15 Euros, stand up, have a pint if they wish, and even get a ticket for the metrolink, it seems the Premier League is short-changing its own supporters."

"This business of categorising matches is blatantly unfair."

"Just because Manchester City have a lot of money doesn't mean their supporters have, and the same is true of the other teams who get charged the highest prices every time they play."



**It is hard for Arsenal to justify charging up to £126 for a matchday ticket, but there are some bargains to be had at Hampshire's football grounds.**

The escalating cost of Premier League tickets made more headlines last Sunday, when a Manchester City fan was prevented by an Arsenal steward from displaying a banner exclaiming: '£62!! When will it stop?'

But while that is the cost for an away ticket at the Emirates, prices at St Mary's peak at £48 (Itchen Stand for a Category A game) and dip as low as £28 (Family Stand for

## HOW TICKET PRICES COMPARE

### Adult price tickets

Southampton £28-£48  
Reading £32-£45  
Brighton £28-£39  
London Irish RFC £20-£35  
AFC Bournemouth £18-£33  
Portsmouth £18-£20  
Hampshire Cricket £15-£20  
(Championship/CB40) £12-£20 (T20)

a Category C game).

You can expect to fork out similar prices to watch Premier League football at Reading's Madejski Stadium, where you pay as little as £20 to watch London Irish play

Salisbury £13  
Eastleigh £12  
Havant & Waterlooville £12  
Poole Town £10  
AFC Totton £9  
Winchester City £9  
Sholing £8  
Sydenhams Wessex Premier clubs £5-£6

Aviva Premiership rugby.

Expect admission to Brighton's Amex in 2013/14 to be comparable to Saints and Reading should the Seagulls win promotion this year.

Likewise at Dean Court, if Eddie

Howe leads the Cherries to the Championship.

A day at the cricket has always been good value for money and last summer you could watch Hampshire's double winners at the Ageas Bowl for less than you'd pay to see League One football on the south coast.

Prices are comparable amongst our Blue Square South trio – Eastleigh, Salisbury and Havant & Waterlooville – but if you would rather not pay more than a tenner for 90 minutes' entertainment, why not give your local Southern League or Sydenhams Wessex club some much-needed support.

**NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL LATEST - SEE PAGES 18-23**



# Saints Spotlight

## TERRACING NOT AN OPTION FOR PREMIER LEAGUE CHIEF

**THE chief executive of the Premier League does not want to see a return to terracing at top flight grounds.**

In the wake of the outcry after Manchester City fans were charged £62 a ticket for last Sunday's game at Arsenal, a debate has raged about how to bring down prices.

Terraces would no doubt provide a cheaper alternative to sitting down, as they used to prior to the Taylor Report which followed the 1989 Hillsborough disaster.

Even before last weekend, there had been a discussion in recent months about the possible provision of safe standing areas at grounds.

All clubs in the Premier League must have all-seater stadia and Scudamore made clear he does not want to see the return of terracing.

He said: "As an administrator it is a very difficult one."

"If anything goes wrong we are, and quite rightly, held to account."

"There are obviously ways and means of doing it but we have seen some incidences this year where being able to identify who is sat in which seat is a very useful thing to do."

"From a safety and security point of view, and all-round generally, I wouldn't want to take the risk."

"I understand the argument and understand it can be done, but I wouldn't want to see it."

Scudamore was asked whether, in the light of record TV revenue, ticket prices should be lowered at all clubs.

### Top of our aims

He claimed that was a complex issue, but the overriding aims of clubs should be to ensure their stadia are full with away fans in attendance.

"Absolutely top of our aims and objectives is to put on a show and keep attendances full," Scudamore said.

"The clubs absolutely know where the Premier League stands on this."

"We want full stadia."

"Over the last 15 years we have managed to achieve 90% occupancy."

"This year occupancy is up at 95% and could well reach an all-time high this season."

"That hasn't come about just by going on increasing and increasing ticket prices."

"Clubs across the board are generally working very hard to keep ticket prices at the point where people will still keep coming through the gates."

"The most important things are - A, we keep grounds full and B, we have rules about making away allocations available to away fans."



It is always fascinating to look back in time and see how little it cost - by today's standards anyway - to watch top flight football.

Plucking a selection of Saints programmes at random from our archives, you can instantly see how much prices have jumped by, **writes SIMON CARTER.**

Back in 1978/79 Saints fans could sit down at Middlesbrough for £1.60 - and standing on the Ayresome Park terraces was 50p cheaper.

The following season, 1979/80, Liverpool's visit to The Dell was an all-ticket match. Saints fans could stand up to stars like Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness and Alan Hansen for just

£1.30, with juveniles and OAPs paying just 80p. The Saints programme were advertising a limited number of bench seats available at £2.30.

In the same programme, Saints were advertising ticket prices for England's forthcoming European Championship game against Denmark at Wembley. Seat tickets were £10, £8, £6 and £5, with terraces at £2.50.

It's not just admission prices that have risen. Back in 1979/80 you could have all 21 of Saints' home programmes delivered to your door for £7.75, including postage and packing.

Saints' Premier League programme these days costs £3.

For your £3, you get 76 glossy pages

- compared to 28 pages for 25p in 1979/80.

Fast forward a decade to the 1989/90 season and Saints v Liverpool was still an all-ticket encounter.

This time, it cost £10 to sit down at The Dell, with terrace tickets £5, either if you stood underneath the East and West Stands or at the Milton Road End. Children and OAPs paid £2.

Saints were only charging £1 more to watch Liverpool than they were for the Littlewoods Cup home match against York City earlier in October 1989.

For Saints' home game with Derby later in the same season, it cost £7.50 to sit in the stand with terrace admission £4.

fans in those grounds.

"It is easy to latch onto the Arsenal example."

"They have clearly made a judgement and the Man City fans, in fairness, have done what they should do if they think it is too much and not turned up."

"It does make people think again and that is actually what the market should do."

## OLYMPIC CHEATING

LANCE Armstrong was today stripped of the time-trial bronze medal he won at the 2000 Sydney Olympics after being found guilty of using performance-enhancing drugs.

Here, *The Sports Pink* looks at five other Olympians who were stripped of their medals.

### MARION JONES

Jones lived up to her reputation as the biggest star in track and field 13 years ago at the Sydney Games, winning five medals - three gold and two bronze. The American's achievements were erased from the record books, however, when she admitted doping in 2007. She was stripped of all her medals and prizes dating back to September 2000 and, having lied about it to a grand jury, she was also sentenced to six months in prison for perjury.

**HANS-GUNNAR LILJENVALL**  
Liljenvall was the first person to be caught by the IOC's anti-doping regulations, which were brought in for the 1968 Mexico City Games. The Swede, and the rest of his Modern Pentathlon team-mates, were stripped of their bronze medals after Liljenvall failed the test because he had drank a couple of beers to calm his nerves before the shooting event.

### BEN JOHNSON

Canada's Johnson arrived at the 1988 Seoul Olympics in the midst of a huge rivalry with one of the greatest sprinters of all time - America's Carl Lewis. Johnson had been forced in to third by Lewis four years earlier in Los Angeles, but the Canadian stormed to victory this time around, clinching gold with a new world record of 9.79 seconds. But while Canada proclaimed Johnson as their new national hero, the sprinter tested positive for banned steroid stanozolol and was stripped of his medal.

### RICK DEMONT

San Francisco swimmer DeMont, then just 16 years old, stunned the world when he claimed gold in the 400 metres freestyle in Munich in 1972. However, the IOC made the heartbroken teenager return his medal after the banned substance ephedrine, thought to have come from DeMont's inhaler, showed up in his post-race urine test. DeMont maintained he was innocent and 12 years ago launched a bid, backed by the United States Olympic Committee, to clear his name. DeMont, now a world-renowned trainer, is still fighting to win back the medal to this day.

### ANDREEA RADUCAN

Raducan was the star of the Romanian gymnastics team in Sydney in 2000, helping the country to gold in the team event before claiming a silver on the vault. She was stripped of her third medal at the Games in the all-around event after testing positive for pseudoephedrine. She countered that the substance came from two cold medicine pills handed to her by a Romanian team physician, and that they had not impacted her performance in any way. The IOC disagreed and stripped her of the medal despite a high-profile campaign from the Romanian for the result to stand.

**TODAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS - SEE PAGE 48**



## GORDON STRACHAN FACTFILE

- 1957:** Born February 9, Edinburgh.
- 1974:** Signs for Dundee. Plays 60 league matches, scoring 13 goals.
- 1977:** Joins Aberdeen for £50,000. Plays 187 matches, scoring 55 times.
- 1980:** Wins Scottish league championship medal and first of 50 Scotland caps against Northern Ireland. Named Scottish Footballer of the Year.
- 1982:** Collects Scottish Cup winners' medal.
- 1983:** Achieves second Scottish Cup success, followed by European Cup Winners' Cup medal.
- 1984:** Wins Scottish league and cup double. Manchester United sign him for £500,000 in August. Stays at Old Trafford for five years, playing 160 league matches and scoring 33 goals.
- 1985:** Only trophy success with United, taking FA Cup.
- 1989:** Joins Second Division Leeds in March for £300,000.
- 1990:** Captains club to Second Division title.
- 1991:** Named Football Writers' Association Player of the Year.
- 1992:** Leads Howard Wilkinson's side to a first league championship in 18 years. Wins final international cap against Finland.
- 1993:** Awarded OBE.
- 1994:** Plays last match for Leeds, a 2-0 home defeat to Liverpool on December 31.
- 1995:** Announces his retirement from Premier League football in January, but continues to play regularly for Leeds' reserve team. Two months later joins Ron Atkinson at Coventry as assistant.
- 1996:** Takes over as Coventry manager as Atkinson stepped down.
- 1997:** Coventry survive relegation on the final day of the Premier League season with victory at Tottenham.
- 2001:** May – Coventry lose at Aston Villa and relinquish their Premier League status after 34 consecutive years in the top flight. **September 8** – City lose 1-0 at home to Grimsby, sparking chants of "Strachan out". A handful of fans have to be restrained by police as they attempt to confront the manager. **September 10** – Strachan leaves Coventry by mutual consent. **October 22** – Appointed Southampton boss.
- 2003:** May 17 – Southampton lose 1-0 to Arsenal in the FA Cup final but qualify for Europe for the first time in 19 years. **October 15** – A 1-0 defeat in Romania against Steaua Bucharest.

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# Gordon Strachan appointed Scotland boss ...



**FLASHBACK:** Gordon Strachan pictured in Scotland kit in 1985.

GORDON Strachan didn't look prickly when he was unveiled as Scotland manager.

He didn't look spiky, ill-nattered or any of the other adjectives usually applied to him, writes **MICHAEL GRANT**.

In his own description he felt "proud" but what he actually carried was a look of deep satisfaction.

He had not shaped his career with a view to eventually working his way into the Scotland job, but that's where it has taken him.

He is from a generation which grew up regarding the Scotland team as a genuinely big deal and, for the 55-year-old, that will be a lifelong belief.

He is in charge of his country and he looked mightily pleased about that.

The SFA did too, inviting all of its Hampden staff to the suite where Strachan was pre-

sented to media.

The room was full, folk craning their necks to see the wee fella between Stewart Regan and Campbell Ogilvie.

After a blinding wave of camera flashes he began talking, that waspish wit put into cold storage for the time being.

"This is a great day, a smashing day and one I'm enjoying. I know fine well this is a good job because my entire family are really excited by it.

"It's something you've wanted to do all your life. When I went out to play for Scotland I was doing it for the people watching me, your family and that kind of thing.

"I remember scoring against West Germany and when I was walking back to the half-way line I was thinking 'my dad will be jumping about the golf club now with his mates, he'll be steaming before the night's out'.

"Sometimes, if you're not successful you feel as though you've let other people down.

"I hope I never have to deal with that.

"I hope the supporters and my family and friends are proud of what I do.

"You can't say: 'I don't want to take this job because there might be a few negative headlines.'

"It's too good not to take it, especially at my age and with what I want to do with my life.

"This fits in with everything I want to do. I can still spend time with my grandchildren and do other things.

"It's part-time physically but full-time mentally: it's a full-time stretch."

Craig Levein can vouch for that, to his cost.

The Scotland job weighed heavily on him, as it had with Berti Vogts and George Burley.

Managing Celtic for four

years has equipped Strachan for the psychological demands of being in charge of Scotland but much will be new.

Far less training ground time, for one thing, and for the first time in his career he will not be able to address a weakness by signing someone else.

He must make do with what he's got.

Scotland qualified for every World Cup finals in the span of Strachan's international playing career but the deterioration since France 98, the last tournament for which the team qualified, has been severe.

Instead of mourning a paucity of resources, it is his job to do something about it.

His optimism, at least, is boundless.

Having spent most of his adult life in England – he will continue to live there and commute – any disparaging comments about Scottish foot-

# STRACHAN: THIS IS MY TIME ...

## NEW Scotland manager Gordon Strachan believes the Scottish FA did him a favour by overlooking him for the job nine years ago.

The former Coventry, Southampton, Celtic and Middlesbrough boss was confirmed in the post on Tuesday before a lunchtime press conference at Hampden.

The 55-year-old, who has been out of management since leaving Boro in October 2010, was interviewed for the job in 2004 following the dismissal of Berti Vogts but lost out to rival candidate Walter Smith.

However, he insists that disappointment turned out to be a blessing in disguise. "When I look back on it, I think it was the best thing that ever happened to me," he said. "I went on progress and do other things. All the experiences I have had as a manager have prepared me for this time.

"This is the best time for me.

"I still felt at that time that working with players and developing players full time was my best (attribute) but if you are asked to come to an interview with Scotland you don't turn it down.

"But it was the best thing that happened, I could go away and learn my job and continue to improve players and squads.

"Every club you go to there is always challenges but this is the first time the challenge is on behalf of the nation.

"But the rewards to that are that if you can be successful you can make a nation happy and proud.

"That is the factor for me and I will try and do that, with the help from other people."

Despite his optimism, a difficult task that awaits the man from Edinburgh who will take charge of his first match against Estonia in a friendly at



**EX-SAINTS:** There are three future Saints bosses in this 1982 Scotland training pic – Gordon Strachan, Graeme Souness and, far right, Paul Sturrock.



**EX-SAINTS:** George Burley, left, and Mark Wotte.

Pittodrie on February 6.

Scotland then face Wales and Serbia in a World Cup 2014 qualification double-header in March.

Hopes of qualifying for Brazil, though, are all but over after taking just two points from their first four Group A games under former boss

Craig Levein, who departed in November.

However, Strachan, who will be based in England, refused to throw in the towel, saying: "We will give it a go, that's all you can do."

He also rebuffed the suggestion that the post was a poisoned chalice, saying: "It is a great job. There will be rough times and good times, hopefully there will be more good times than bad."

Strachan will be hoping for better fortunes than another ex-Saints boss, George Burley. Appointed as Scotland boss in January 2008, Burley won only three of his 14 games in charge – two against Iceland – and was sacked in November 2009.

Strachan will be working with another former Saints boss in his new role – Mark Wotte, who is the Scottish FA's performance director.

**NATIONAL PRIDE:**  
Gordon Strachan.

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# Gordon Strachan appointed Scotland boss

ball from the neighbours are easily dismissed.

"We got that even when we were playing well, that's just the way they are. It doesn't bother me one little bit. We've got Andy Murray. We can talk about their tennis and the millions and millions they waste on producing nobody!"

When it comes to Scotland's decline, the man now expected to reverse it preferred a more generous interpretation.

"The standard around Europe has got far, far better since I was playing. It's harder now."

"Back then all we had to do was beat Czechoslovakia twice and we were in the finals."

"I came here for the first two home games in this campaign [draws with Serbia and Macedonia] and they could have gone either way."

"We had two good chances in the first game but we didn't

take them. In international football if you take that chance ... what a difference it makes."

"Then you go to Wales for the third game and think 'we're doing all right here' and Gareth Bale does what he does as a world-class player. Sometimes that happens."

"I look at Sweden and I think, 'they're ordinary' but then you put in Zlatan Ibrahimovic and they become a right, good side."

"We're unfortunate because we do not have anyone of the standard of a Bale or Ibrahimovic so we're going to have to work at the team ethic. We just want to get better."

"The fans are more famous than the team at the moment and we have to try and get up there and together be as famous as them."

"The first objective is to win. You have to win."

"We'd all like to play a certain style of football. Mine is

the German style. German football is terrific."

"They play three up front but they use three strikers. When we try it, it's a winger who never scores or a midfielder on the other side who doesn't have a clue about coming in the park or whatever."

The Germans do it brilliantly, I've studied them. But we haven't developed players to do that. That's how I'd like to play football eventually, somewhere along the line. But we need to win."

"You have to get the best system that suits our best players in this country, and pick that system."

"It might not be beautiful football and passing the ball but we all want to win."

"The demands you put on players at international level is completely different from club football. You can be more intense with them at a club because you pay their wages."

Here the players are turning up because they want to turn up. It's not for the wages, that's for sure."

On the subject of wages, the last two successful Scotland managers left for more lucrative jobs with Rangers and Birmingham City.

Might the SFA ever have reason to fear it would lose him too, or was his club career finished?

"No, you never say 'never'. But at this moment in time there have been things happening [offers] which just didn't feel right. It's right for me now to take this job."

"Whatever happens in a couple of years or three or four years, I don't know. I have no plans in life, absolutely none. I just go along."

This week, his meandering path took him to the Scotland job. The next couple of years will show where he takes his country.



**FLASHBACK:** Strachan during his Manchester United days in 1986



**CELEBRATION TIME:** Strachan with James Beattie and Brett Ormerod after Saints had reached the 2003 FA Cup final.

**SAINT GORDON:** Strachan shakes hands with Rupert Lowe on taking over at Saints in October 2001.



following a 1-1 home draw, sees Saints crash out of Europe at the first hurdle.

**2004:** January 9 – Confirms he will not to extend his contract with Southampton beyond the end of the season for personal reasons.

**February 13** – Steps down as Southampton manager.

**September 9** – Rules himself out of contention to manage Scotland.

**December 19** – Turns down the opportunity to become boss of Portsmouth.

**2005:** May 25 – Named Celtic manager on a 12-month rolling contract.

**July 27** – Celtic thumped 5-0 by Artmedia Bratislava in Strachan's first match in charge to crash out of the Champions League at the qualifying stage.

**December 15:** Signs Roy Keane after release by Manchester United.

**2006:** March 19 – Lifts first trophy as Celtic manager with victory over Dunfermline in the Scottish League Cup final.

**April 5** – Celtic clinch Scottish Premier League title with victory over Hearts.

**November 11** – Leads Celtic into Champions League knockout stages for the first time after 1-0 victory over Manchester United.

**2007:** March 7 – Celtic knocked out of the Champions League at the last-16 stage by AC Milan.

**April 22** – Celtic clinch SPL title with a 2-1 win at Kilmarnock. Strachan is named Manager of the Year.

**May 2** – Named Manager of the Year by the Scottish Football Writers' Association.

**May 26** – Celtic win Scottish Cup, beating Dunfermline 1-0.

**October 3** – Celtic snatch a last-gasp 2-1 win over European champions AC Milan at Parkhead.

**November 28** – Celtic reach knockout stage of Champions League despite losing final group game in Milan.

**2008:** February 20 – Celtic go out of Champions League to Barcelona.

May 22 – Strachan becomes only the third Celtic manager to win a hat-trick of Scottish championships.

**November 25** – Celtic suffer shock 2-1 defeat at Aalborg to crash out of the Champions League and Europe altogether.

**December 13** – Strachan has dressing-room bust-up with midfielder Aiden McGeady after 1-1 SPL draw with Hearts. McGeady is fined two weeks' wages and suspended for two matches.

**2009:** March 7 – Celtic suffer surprise 1-0 Scottish Cup quarter-final defeat at St Mirren.

**March 15** – Celtic beat Rangers 2-0 at Hampden in the first Old Firm cup final for six years to lift the Scottish League Cup.

**May 3** – Strachan named SPFA Manager of the Year.

**May 24** – Celtic are held 0-0 by Hearts as Rangers win the SPL title by four points on the final day of the season. Celtic had been eight points clear earlier in the year. He resigned a day later.

**October 26** – Signed a four-year deal to manage Middlesbrough.

**2010:** October 18 – Voluntarily tears up his contract and resigns after a run of poor form.

**2013:** January 15 – Appointed manager of the Scotland national team.



## FIVE GREAT FA FIGURES

### SIR STANLEY ROUS

Unquestionably, the man who has had the biggest influence over English football.

Rous was FA secretary from 1934-1961, he re-wrote the laws of the game in 1938, and championed England's entry into FIFA in 1946. He left in 1961 – to become FIFA president.

### EBENEZER MORLEY

A solicitor and who was first inspired with the belief that football should have a set of rules in the same way the MCC had for cricket. It was his initiative that led to the formation of the Football Association in 1863 and he became the FA's first secretary and later its president.

He also drafted modern football's first rules.

### SIR DENIS FOLLOWS

Although some commentators have suggested Follows' era as FA secretary between 1962 and 1973 was uninspired, he did oversee two significant events – though with much influence from his predecessor Rous, who was the FIFA president.

The first was England hosting and winning the 1966 World Cup; the second was in 1971 rescinding the ban on women's football being played at Football League grounds, a rule which had stood since 1921.



SIR STANLEY ROUS

### TED CROKER

FA secretary between 1973 and 1989, he transformed the finances of an organisation via sponsorship and realised the potential of TV income.

He has the misfortune to be in charge during an era when the game was bedevilled by hooliganism, and with three terrible disasters: Bradford, Heysel and Hillsborough.

He defended football in the face of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's attempts to sideline it, telling her famously: "These people are society's problems and we don't want your hooligans in our sport."

### DAVID BERNSTEIN

He has only been FA chairman for two years, but has done much to restore it from an all-time low point after the humiliation of the 2018 World Cup bid defeat in 2010.

He persuaded the FA council to agree to reforms to modernise the organisation, including independent board members and the first woman on the board.

He also confronted some painful issues, apologising for the FA's role in the 1989 Hillsborough disaster and the organisation's approach to racism following the John Terry abuse case.

# FA CELEBRATES 150th ANNIVERSARY ...

**1863** - First meeting of the Football Association at the Freemason's Tavern on October 26 to agree common rules. - Ebenezer Cobb Morley appointed first FA secretary and was responsible for drafting the first set of rules.

- First game with the new rules played at Mortlake on December 19 between Barnes and Richmond. It finished 0-0.

**1872** - The first FA Cup tournament, involving 15 teams, concludes when Wanderers and Royal Engineers meet at The Oval on March 16. In front of 2,000 spectators, Morton Betts scores the only goal for Wanderers.

- England play their first full international match, against Scotland at Partick. Game finishes 0-0.

**1873** - England play first home game at The Oval, beating Scotland 4-2. William Kenyon-Slaney (2), Alexander Bonsor and Charles Chenery get the goals.

**1877** - The three different sets of rules - Sheffield Rules, London Rules and Mixed Rules - are amalgamated.

**1886** - First meeting of the International Football Association Board held in Holborn.

**1908** - England play first match overseas. Beat Austria 6-1.

**1923** - Wembley Stadium opens. Becomes the permanent home for the England team and the FA

Cup final. Bolton beat West Ham 2-0 in the first final. The official attendance is recorded as 126,047, although it is thought many more were present.

**1924** - England play at Wembley for first time. Draw 1-1 with Scotland.

**1930** - The FA decline FIFA's invitation to enter the first World Cup, also snubbing the 1934 and 1938 tournaments.

**1934** - Stanley Rous named secretary. Remains in position for a record 28 years.

**1947** - Join FIFA and agree to share a permanent vice-presidency position with Wales,

Scotland and Ireland.

**1950** - England compete in a World Cup for the first time, losing 1-0 to the USA in the process.

**1953** - First home defeat to overseas opposition - other than Ireland - as England are beaten 6-3 by Hungary. Nándor Hidegkuti getting a hat-trick and Ferenc Puskás getting two more.

**1954** - England lose 7-1 to Hungary in Budapest, their heaviest defeat.

**1955** - Duke of Edinburgh named president.

## SMALL BEGINNINGS



**It is somehow strange that the origins of football came from a meeting of London clubs, most of which ended up playing rugby union.**

After all, the first league champions from the south were not crowned until Arsenal finished top in 1930, *writes SIMON STONE.*

Yet when England is dubbed the 'home of football' it is because of a meeting that took place at the Freemason's Tavern on October 26, 1863.

Present were representatives from Barnes, Civil Service, Crusaders, Forest of Leytonstone, N.N. (No Names) Club, the Crystal Palace, Blackheath, Kensington School, Perceval House, Surbiton and Blackheath Proprietary School.

Ebenezer Cobb Morley drafted the 13 rules, which included a stipulation that pitches be no longer than 200 yards long and nails would not be permitted to be worn on the soles of boots.



**PAST AND PRESENT:** England managers, from left, Roy Hodgson, Graham Taylor, Terry Venables, Fabio Capello and Sven-Goran Eriksson.

It was the era of Charles Dickens, Abraham Lincoln was president, Lloyd George was born and Yorkshire County Cricket Club was formed.

In their own way, every one of those additional events were seismic in terms of how we live now – especially if you hail from the White Rose county.

**Yet none has enveloped life in the way football has.**

And – sometimes good, on other occasions bad – the FA has been at

the forefront.

There are numerous areas of which their contribution can be debated.

Their introspection allowed the world to sweep past either side of World War II, England's failure to take up invites to compete in the first three World Cups leading directly to embarrassment against the USA in 1950, and then humiliation – twice – against those Magnificent Magyars a few years later.

More recently political bumbling left the FA bereft of friends at the vote to host the 2018 World Cup, an expensive bid and thousands of travelling miles securing only one additional vote to their own.

In between there has been scandal, resignations, mistakes, cock-ups and sheer incompetence.

Yet to focus on all that, and there is plenty to go at, would be to ignore

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# FA CELEBRATES 150th ANNIVERSARY ...

**1959** - Billy Wright captains England for a record 90th time. Is equalled by Bobby Moore in 1973.

**1966** - England hosts World Cup, beating opposition from West Germany and Spain to hold the event.  
- England win tournament, beating West Germany 4-2 after extra-time at Wembley.

**1981** - Bert Millichip becomes chairman, a post he holds for 15 years.

**1990** - England record their best World Cup performance overseas, reaching the semi-finals in Italy where they are beaten on penal-

ties by West Germany.  
- Peter Shilton wins a record 125th cap in the third-place play-off defeat to Italy.

**1992** - The Football Association takes control of the newly-created Premier League.

**1996** - Hosts Euro 96.

**2000** - Wembley Stadium closed for rebuilding work, done at a cost of £798 million by Australian firm Multiplex. 2000 - Loses to Germany in the contest to stage the 2006 World Cup.

**2001** - England gets its first foreign manager as Sven-

Goran Eriksson is appointed as successor to Kevin Keegan.

**2003** - Mark Palios named chief executive. His brief tenure includes banning Rio Ferdinand from playing in a Euro 2004 qualifier with Turkey after the Manchester United defender fails to take a drugs test. Resigns in 2004 after media revelations of an alleged affair with Faria Alam.

**2006** - Prince William named president.

**2007** - Wembley re-opened in time for FA Cup final.

**2008** - Signs a record £425 million deal with ITV and

Setanta for England and FA Cup games. Setanta goes into administration during the 2008-09 campaign.

**2010** - Chairman Lord Triesman forced to resign after alleging Spain and Russia had tried to bribe referees during 2010 World Cup. - FA embarrassingly receives only two votes - including its own - in voting to host 2018 World Cup, which Russia wins.

**2012** - National Football Centre opens at St George's Park

**2013** - Launches 150th anniversary celebrations at Connaught Rooms in central London.

## TO NATIONAL RULE



**LEGENDS:** From left – Alan Shearer, Sol Campbell, Oliver Bierhoff, Lothar Matthaus, Marcel Desailly and Patrick Viera during the FA Anniversary Celebrations Launch at the Grand Connaught Rooms, London.

all the superb work the FA has done.

There might be a legitimate discussion to be had over whether a rebuilt Wembley, at a cost of £798m, was really necessary.

Or why it took so long to actually turn a 350-acre site near Burton into the £105m St George's Park coaching hub which may finally lift development of the English game to the levels France and Spain have benefited from for so many years.

But, as the FA consistently argues, their organisation is about so much more.

For each Vincent Kompany red card appeal there are scores of grass-roots issues to be dealt with. Look at the figures;

- Over 400,000 volunteers across the country.
- 7,000,000 registered players.
- 110,000 affiliated teams and 32,000 affiliated clubs.



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- 6,500 FA Charter standard clubs.
- 300,000 coaches and 27,000 referees.
- Over 100 FA Tesco skills coaches working in local communities.

A not for profit organisation, the FA expects Wembley to be debt free by 2023.

It is this that the FA showcased at the Connaught Rooms this week, the location where that very first meeting was held.

An elaborate mosaic of the FA badge has been created which, in itself, highlights much of what the organisation is about.

For every messy Fabio Capello exit there is a dinner on behalf of the volunteers, who have helped provide facilities for schoolchildren, most of whom will never get nearer to Wembley than watching it on TV.

For all the stardust of Brazil's arrival next month, there are new ways of playing for under-11s to be agreed, that can be used on frosty January mornings when only hardy coaches and parents are in attendance.

And really, it is these people who benefit most from that historic meeting a century and a half ago.

It would be worth spending a minute considering that ... at least until the next crisis hits.

THE Football Association celebrates 150 years of history with several high-profile events.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at some incidents the organisation would rather forget.

### The Gentleman's Agreement

In 1997, the Football Association announced it would bid for the 2006 World Cup – infuriating Germany and UEFA, who claimed that the former FA chairman Sir Bert Millichip had made a gentleman's agreement not to do so.

The basis of the agreement was that Germany would not stand in the way of England hosting Euro '96, and that the FA would give the Germans a free run at 2006.

The new FA leaders denied there had been any such agreement and pressed ahead with a bid, winning only three votes while Germany went on to host the World Cup.

### Foolish move by Wiseman

In late 1998 and 1999 a scandal erupted after it was revealed the FA had made a £3.2m loan to the Welsh FA in exchange for its support for FA chairman Keith Wiseman – a former Saints director and the current Southampton city coroner – to take over the British FIFA vice-presidency from Scotland.

First, the FA's general secretary Graham Kelly resigned and he was followed by Wiseman who was forced out despite pleading to the FA Council that there had been no wrongdoing.

### Alam bells ring

A sex scandal which now sounds almost comical forced the resignation of two senior FA executives in 2004.

It was revealed that an FA secretary Faria Alam had been having an affair with both England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson and FA chief executive Mark Palios.

Palios quit after the *News of the World* said it was offered details of Eriksson's affair in exchange for keeping quiet on Palios.

The FA's communications director Colin Gibson, who allegedly offered the deal, also resigned.



**KEITH WISEMAN**

### Triesman entrapped

Lord Triesman resigned as both chairman of the FA and England's 2018 World Cup bid in 2010 after a newspaper printed comments he had made during lunch with a female friend.

Triesman was recorded suggesting Spain could drop its 2018 bid if rival bidder Russia helped bribe referees at that summer's World Cup. The FA had to apologise to the Russian and Spanish FAs, but England went out in the first round of the World Cup bid with only two votes – one of which was its own.

### John Terry racism case

The FA found itself the target of sustained criticism after taking almost a full year to deal with the charge of racist abuse against John Terry.

Terry remained England captain for more than three months after the complaint was made in October 2011, before FA chairman David Bernstein and the board decided to remove the armband – leading to the resignation of Fabio Capello as England manager.

Terry was banned for four matches in October 2012, but players, equality groups and politicians condemned some aspects of the FA's handling of the case.



# Youth Football



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Wellow Wolves Under-10s –

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and 15744826 (right).

## No stopping



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**BAD weather of one sort or another may have halted much of the sports programme lately, but it was business as usual for the Eastleigh and District Mini-League Under-10s.**

They provided plenty of goals and excitement at Stoneham Park and Daily Echo photographer Paul Collins captured the action as Ice Sports (yellow) took on Wellow Wolves (green) and Hythe Strikers (orange) played Oakwood (red and blue).



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# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



## Loo-KING good for Academy ace Matt

HAMPSHIRE Academy's Matt King has shown "genuine pace" during his winter playing club cricket in Australia.

King, pictured above, the Southern Electric Premier League 'Young Cricketer of the Year' for 2012, has been playing grade cricket in Perth for Subiaco-Floreat.

"Matthew has been playing for the colts team and also in the second and third grades and has been coaching some of the junior players," reported Subiaco president Glyn O'Brien.

"He's bowled well, mainly playing two-day games, and has bowled with genuine pace."

"His enthusiasm and willingness to help the younger guys has made him a very popular addition to our team."

"We couldn't really ask any more of him and I'm sure he's learned a lot that he will take back to Hampshire with him."

"He's a fine young man and he's got a big future in the game if he keeps progressing."

King, who turns 19 next month, was the Academy's leading wicket-taker in the 2012 Southern Electric Premier League.

He claimed 25 victims at 22.04 with a best haul of 6-34.

He took the same amount of wickets, in fewer deliveries, than current Australian international Glenn Maxwell.

In all, only five players took more SEPL top flight wickets than the Basingstoke-born youngster.

They were ex-Hampshire seamer Richard Logan (St Cross, 35 wickets), Kevin Nash (Bashley, 29), Matt Perry-Lewis (St Cross, 29), Dewayne Bowden (Alton, 28) and David Taylor (Totton & Eling, 26).

## HANTS DUO PRAISED BY PRESIDENT



WINTER WORK: Jake George.

**HAMPSHIRE Academy pair Jake George and Robert Gibson have been praised for their attitude by the president of the Australian club they have been playing for.**

The young batsmen have been turning out for North Sydney CC in grade cricket during the English winter.

Both players have turned out for the Academy in the Southern Electric Premier League in the last couple of years.

North Sydney president Bevn White reported: "Jake George has been opening the batting in the second grade."

"He arrived with a better reputation than Robert Gibson having previously been in the mix for England's youth world cup squad."

"Robert Gibson is a brilliant fielder, but he is prone to the odd brain explosion and gets himself out when he's well set for a big score."

"He's probably the more talent-

ed of the two but they have both got bright futures ahead of them."

"They are both supporting themselves on working-holiday visas away from playing cricket, which is very commendable, and their parents have all been out to visit them."

"The main thing for us is that, cricket apart, they have both been very disciplined."

"They have never once misbehaved and turned to drink or chasing women, as is the case with some overseas players who only turn up looking for a good time."

"The two lads have enhanced their reputations and they are welcome back any time."

George first made his name in Hampshire youth cricket when he played for the county under-13s in 2007, hitting an unbeaten 82 against Devon.

In 2011 he helped Hampshire under-17s win the county title at 50-over level, scoring 37 as an opener in a three-wicket win against Durham.

That was also the summer where he ended up as the Hampshire Academy's top Southern Electric Premier League run-scorer with 667, including a career best 154.

Last summer the Middlesex-born batsman made 114 runs in six SEPL games, with a top score of 48.

He ended the 2012 season playing for Hampshire's 2nds, hitting 38 and 39 against Surrey batting at No8 and also scoring 63 against Somerset 2nds.

Gibson, like George, failed to build on an encouraging Hampshire Academy season in 2011.

Then he scored 468 runs with a high score of 123, but in 2012 managed just 233 runs from 16 games at just 16.64 with a highest score of 48.

The Emsworth-born right-handed batsman had made his SEPL debut for the Academy in 2009. He opened the batting with George against Durham in the county under-17 final two years ago.



ROBERT GIBSON

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# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



SAM RHYS

## Sam puts in hard yards Down Under

FORMER Andover cricketer Sam Rhys is wintering Down Under at an academy run by former Australian Test star Darren Lehmann, *writes* **AHMER KHOKHAR.**

Rhys, born and raised in Upton – where his family still live – has also been playing for the University Cricket Club in Adelaide.

"I feel I've been doing well, getting used to the wickets over here, and the different conditions," he said.

"I've been mainly playing two-day games over successive Saturdays and also in a couple of one-day matches.

"I'm playing in D-grade, which is the lowest level, and I've scored a couple

of 30s but other than that I haven't got many runs.

"I've still got four five matches left and we could make the finals, so I'm not too worried.

"It's been more important to just be here and training harder than I've ever trained before and work on all aspects of my batting at the academy.

"It's been full-on working with the different coaches, going to the gym, improving my fitness, and training.

"I've learned a lot about improving my mental preparation and my whole preparation to batting and playing in matches.

"The standard is much tougher here than back home; partly because I've never been away from the UK on my own before.

"I should be in good form when I get back home on March 19.

"I'm really happy here, but training in the heat is not easy!

Rhys' parents, who live in Upton, have been over to visit their son.

The lifestyle in Adelaide is certainly different to north Hampshire.

"Mum and dad have been here to visit. They shoot pheasants at home in Upton!" reported Rhys, who last season Rhys played for Falkland CC in Newbury.

## Bailey told to concentrate on cricket

AUSTRALIA Twenty20 captain George Bailey has been told he should be glad he is not "flipping burgers at McDonald's" as a proposed multi-million television rights deal for cricket Down Under became personal.

Channel Nine executive producer of cricket Brad McNamara launched an unexpected attack on Bailey – Hampshire's main overseas signing for 2013 – after the right-hander hit out at claims the current one-day squad taking on Sri Lanka was a 'B team'.

Australia rested a number of key names, including skipper Michael Clarke, for the opening two games of the tied series during which Bailey took interim charge.

The decision to rotate players has come as Cricket Australia renegotiate a TV right deal with Channel Nine, reportedly worth AUS\$500million (£328.57mil).

McNamara has, however, denied Channel Nine had questioned the strength of the current team before singling out Bailey – telling the 30-year-old to instead worry himself with trying to stay in the team.

"Nowhere has Channel Nine ever talked the one-day game down, nowhere have we ever said this is a 'B team'," McNamara said.

"It's rubbish and George should stick to playing cricket and leave (television) rights to the people who know what they're talking about.

"I reckon he's got his hands full as it is. He needs to concentrate on staying in the side.

"And he needs to understand where his money's coming from. Without the TV rights deal, George is probably working in a coalmine or flipping burgers at McDonald's."

Despite naming a perceived under-strength squad 4.4million viewers tuned in for the first two games – a statistic revealed via a Cricket Australia this week.

McNamara said Channel Nine were happy with those figures with the likes of Clarke, David Warner and Matthew Wade back in the squad.

"All this talk about the death of one-day cricket, it's not coming from us," McNamara said.

"Our ratings have always been good. Given we were lacking star quality, we were very happy with those figures."

## Bailey's gain could be Hampshire's loss ...

**GEORGE Bailey and David Hussey are leading the list of batsmen who Australia could call up for their forthcoming tour of India.**

And if Bailey gets the nod, that could throw Hampshire's plans for the 2013 season into confusion.

The Royals have signed the Tasmanian batsman, 30, as their main overseas player until early August.

But if he is taken to India and impresses, Bailey could well be included in his country's Ashes tour party as well – which would mean Hampshire having to sign a new overseas star.

Former Australian Test batsman Greg Blewett believes Bailey, his country's t20 international skipper, will get the nod.

"George is a calming influence

on the Australian team," Blewett explained.

"I am expecting him to be picked for Australia's tour of India as the No. 5 or No. 6 batsman.

"If he does well then he's likely to get picked for the Ashes. "I've been saying for a while that I would not be surprised to see him given a Test debut and now I reckon its going to happen."

Australia's top order for India is likely to include openers Ed Cowan and David Warner, with Phil Hughes at No 3 and captain Michael Clarke at four.

Following Mike Hussey's international retirement, which came just a few weeks after Ricky Ponting's departure, a gap has emerged in the middle order at No 5.

Victoria

wicket-keeper

Matthew Wade seems to have made the No 6 spot his own, given that he has scored two centuries and two half-centuries in his nine Test matches, providing the selectors want to field five frontline bowlers.

On their personal records alone, David Hussey deserves to be picked ahead of Bailey.

Hussey junior – though he is five years older than Bailey – has scored over 12,000 career first class runs at a very impressive 53.70.

In contrast, Bailey has 5,586 runs at a less impressive 39.90.

But records are not everything.

David Hussey also has a better t20 career average than Bailey, but that didn't stop



the Australian selectors choosing the latter as their skipper for the shortest form of the game last year.

Bailey is very well thought of by chairman of selectors John Inverarity, with the batsman also recently installed as temporary captain of Australia's 50-over side when Clarke was rested.

Neither David Hussey or Bailey has won a Test cap, but that is almost certain to end in the coming months.

Question is, who will win their first cap first?

## George's Ashes fight



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# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



## Briggs may get chance

ALASTAIR Cook bemoaned another sub-standard batting display from England as India enjoyed a clinical seven-wicket win in the third one-day international.

After starting the trip by defending an imposing 325 in Rajkot, England have now been rolled over well short of 200 on successive occasions and trail 2-1 in the five-match Airtel series.

Saturday's first-innings effort was little short of a horror show, the tourists being dismissed for 155 with 7.4 overs still to be bowled.

They then looked on as India knocked off the target in just 28.1 overs to make light of their struggles.

The 39,000 fans who flocked to the maiden international fixture in Ranchi and saw the dream finish – local boy Mahendra Singh Dhoni pulling the winning runs to the boundary – will spare little thought to England's batting woes, but Cook does not have that luxury.

"We didn't get enough runs. It is a concern, of course," said the England skipper.

"It is frustrating when you don't play to your potential as a batting unit and we need to do that if we are to have a chance of winning out here. When you don't you get punished for it."

"We've got to be clear and start producing the goods out in the middle and not just talk about it. We've got some seriously quality players in our dressing room who can, on their day, win games for England and if we want to win we need to stand up as batsmen and deliver."

A whistle-stop one-day tour of India leaves no real time for introspection after defeat, with the teams leaving for Mohali in the morning, but Cook appreciates the need for some serious thinking.

He is without the likes of rested trio Graeme Swann, Jonathan Trott and James Anderson at the moment but has only used 12 players in three matches and may now be forced to consider the claims of fringe players like Jos Buttler, Stuart Meaker and Hampshire's Danny Briggs.

Cook will look at the make-up of the side after two heavy defeats. "I think you do have to look (at alternatives) within the squad, certainly. To not look at it would be wrong," he said.



**IN THE WINGS:** Hampshire's Danny Briggs.

# ZAC SEES CRICKET TO SHOUT ABOUT

**FORMER Hampshire man Zac Toumazi has achieved a lot during his time in county cricket – but insists joining Sussex represents the pinnacle of his career.**

Sussex's new chief executive helped bring Test cricket to the Ageas Bowl during his time at Hampshire, and performed a senior role at one of the biggest clubs in the country for six years while with Surrey, *writes STEPHEN HOLLIS.*

His success at Sussex's two neighbours meant the former investment banker was not short of offers when he decided to leave his position as group commercial director at Hampshire last November.

Returning to the banking sector would have been a much more lucrative option.

But Toumazi insists he had no hesitation in coming to Hove once he received the call from Sussex chairman Jim May.

Toumazi fell in love with Sussex cricket ten years ago when he enjoyed nothing better than getting away from the pressures of the City to while away a few hours at the County Ground.

His affection for the county means May did not have to ask twice for him to replace Dave Brooks.

Toumazi, though appointed back in December, officially began his new job on January 10.

Toumazi said: "I decided to move on from Hampshire some time ago and I was going to take a bit of time out and decide what I wanted to do."

"But when I got the call from Jim it made my day."

"I love cricket and what it stands for and I make no secret of the fact this is the club I have always had a real affection for."

"This is just a very, very special place so it wasn't a difficult decision."

"I probably came here for the first time ten years ago when I was allowed to escape investment banking."

"My wife would go shopping and I would disappear for the afternoon."

"I really enjoy the way cricket is played here and when you talk to people the thing that comes



**PUTTING CRICKET ON THE MAP:** Zac Toumazi's aim.

through every time is the passion for the game and the club.

"There is a real passion and a real love here."

"I had three very solid opportu-

nities where I could have taken my last career move and each of them would have paid substantially more than I am getting paid here."

"It is not about the money, it is

about the job, and this is absolutely the right decision for me."

"I'm absolutely thrilled."

"I see this as the pinnacle of my cricketing career if you would call it that and I can't wait to get going."

Although Toumazi has a strong interest in the playing side of cricket, he makes no apologies for underlining the fact that his main priority in his new role will be to make money.

But he insists he is determined to

retain the unique "feel" that makes Hove special while striving to make the club more successful both on and off the pitch.

"Making money should not be a dirty word as it is what we need to

fund everything we are doing," Toumazi added.

"It is important we are raising the right amount of revenue to go into the core product which is cricket and keeping that sustainable."

"It has got to be done sensitively."

"I would hate to lose that but I don't think we should look at the commercial world as a dirty beast that is invading us."

"I don't want anyone to think we are going to do everything just for the sake of chasing money."

"It is about doing the right thing and remembering where our roots are."

"We want to be better and should be striving to achieve that but we don't want to lose sight of what we stand for which is great cricket and a great family atmosphere."

"That would be entirely wrong."

"It is not about revolution, it is about evolution."

"The important thing for me is using my ears and mouth in the right ratio."

"I want to listen."

"I am not going to do anything rash but things will move forward, they have to."

"At the end of the day we have got to bring revenue into the game."

"That is what this is about and there is more we can do on that front."

"It is about putting the County Ground on the map."

"It is somewhat invisible in my opinion."

"There is a whole population out there that really aren't aware of what a fantastic job we are doing."

"We should be shouting about it and getting people in."

"I would like to see every event sold out or near sold out."

"I want a situation where people know there is an event on and plan for it and almost create a stampede for tickets."

"That would be great, but a lot has got to happen for that."

"What is wonderful is that I am actually picking something up that is in good shape, which is unusual."

"We are going to have our challenges but Dave Brooks has done an outstanding job."



# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



## AS SOMETHING



SUSSEX chairman Jim May hopes Zac Toumazis will bring stability to the club.

Toumazis, pictured, is the third chief executive at Hove in the last six years after taking over from Dave Brooks.

Brooks filled the role for four years while Gus Mackay was in the post for just two years.

That is in stark contrast to the lack of movement in senior roles on the playing side with only two coaches (Mark Robinson and Peter Moores) and three captains (Chris Adams, Mike Yardy and Ed Joyce) in the last 14 years.

May said: "The reason we have been very successful on the playing side is that we have had a lot of stability.

"Off the field we haven't had that degree of stability.

"When I talked to Dave (Brooks) I said 'would you give me three years'

and he gave us four so that was quite good.

"With Zac I would expect him to be here a significant amount of time."

Toumazis spent six years at Surrey and two at Hampshire and at 57 sees coming to Sussex as the last big move of his career.

He said: "I am happy to commit as long as is required.

"Rather than put a time frame on it, there is a point where you are adding value and then a point where you are not really adding as much value.

"What is important is that the club progresses and I will stay here as long as I am effective whether that is three years, five years, ten years."

## Bailey fails for Aussies

HAMPSHIRE'S George Bailey was out for a duck but Sri Lanka made hard work of a chase of 75 before beating Australia by just four wickets at the Gabbra.

Nuwan Kulasekara was Australia's tormentor-in-chief, removing four of the hosts' top five on his way to figures of five for 22 as Australia capitulated to 40 for nine, before scrambling to 74.

That edged them past their lowest ever total of 70, scored against England in 1977 and New Zealand in 1986, as Mitchell Starc (22no) and Xavier Doherty (15) added 34 for the last wicket.

Mitchell Johnson (three for 11) reduced the tourists to 37 for four but they eventually limped to 74 for six off 20 overs. Sri Lanka lead the five-match series 2-1.

Australia found themselves in trouble right from the start as the Sri Lankans bowled a tight line.

David Warner scooped an Angelo Matthews delivery to Shaminda Eranga at mid-off in the third over and Kulasekara saw off Phil Hughes in his third over, before claiming David Hussey (four) and Bailey with consecutive deliveries in his fourth.

The unplayable Kulasekara was not done yet, though, clean bowling both Michael Clarke (nine) and Moises Henriques (two) in the 12th over to leave the Aussies reeling at 30 for six.

Lasith Malinga (three for 14) chipped in with the wickets of Johnson (two), Matthew Wade (eight) and Clint McKay (three) to stifle any notions of an Australia fightback.

Sri Lanka lost Mahela Jayawardene in the first over and the scheduled tea break was taken at 48 for four and Kushal Janith Perera hit two fours from the first over back, bowled by McKay.

Starc had Tharanga caught at slip by Clarke but Perera took six off the next over to take his side within six of victory.

Jeevan Mendis tried to get there in one hit but skied the ball straight up in the air and was dropped by the usually reliable Warner.

Mendis was dismissed when an equally poor shot at Starc (two for 25) was taken at mid-on by McKay but Thisara Perera struck the winning boundary.



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Norwich	23	5	3	3	13	13	1	5	6	11	26	26	
Fulham	23	4	3	4	18	15	2	4	6	15	21	24	
<b>SAINTS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	
Newcastle	23	5	1	6	14	16	0	5	14	25	21		
Reading	23	3	5	3	18	21	1	2	9	10	22	19	
Wigan	23	2	3	7	15	25	3	1	7	10	18	19	
A. Villa	22	2	4	5	8	16	2	3	6	9	26	19	
Q.P.R.	23	1	5	5	8	19	1	4	7	10	18	15	

## npower Championship

<b>Birmingham</b> .....2	<b>Brighton</b> .....2
Caldwell 18	Barnes 24
Zigic 90	David Lopez 43
HT 1-2	Att 15,299
<b>Blackburn</b> .....1	<b>Charlton</b> .....2
Rhodes 48	Stephens 26
HT 0-1	Kemorgan 64
<b>Blackpool</b> .....L	<b>Cardiff</b> .....L
<b>Crystal P.</b> .....0	<b>Bolton</b> .....0
HT 0-0	Att 17,033
<b>Derby City</b> .....1	<b>Nottm For.</b> .....1
Ward 52	Cohen 31
HT 0-1	Att 33,010
<b>Ipswich</b> .....1	<b>Barnsley</b> .....1
Chambers 56	Rose 89
HT 0-0	Att 15,913
<b>Leeds Utd</b> .....1	<b>Bristol C.</b> .....0
McCormack 67	
HT 0-0	Att 18,156
<b>Millwall</b> .....0	<b>Burnley</b> .....2
HT 0-0	Vokes 19, Ings 59
<b>Peterboro</b> .....1	<b>Hull</b> .....1
McGann 79 pen	Newell 33 og
HT 0-1	Att 6,214
<b>Sheff Wed</b> .....0	<b>Wolves</b> .....0
HT 0-0	Att 21,142
<b>Watford</b> .....4	<b>Huddersfld</b> .....0
Deeney 45 pen	
Vydra 57, 74	
Battocchio 86	
HT 1-0	Att 12,522

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Cardiff	27	12	1	1	25	8	6	2	5	23	21	57
Leicester	28	10	2	2	33	11	5	3	6	16	12	50
Hull	28	8	2	4	21	14	7	3	4	18	17	50
Crystal P	28	8	5	1	33	16	5	4	5	17	19	48
Middlesbrough	28	10	1	3	29	16	5	1	8	18	23	47
Watford	27	7	2	2	52	15	7	2	4	29	22	46
Burnley	28	7	4	3	22	14	5	2	7	21	26	42
Brighton	27	5	6	3	20	13	5	5	3	19	16	41
Millwall	28	7	2	5	20	17	4	6	4	20	21	41
Nottm For	28	7	4	3	21	16	3	7	4	18	21	41
Leeds Utd	28	9	2	3	27	17	3	3	8	19	27	41
Charlton	28	4	5	5	19	21	6	4	4	19	13	39
Derby City	28	7	5	2	30	17	3	3	8	12	24	38
Blackburn	27	6	1	6	15	16	3	8	3	22	20	36
Blackpool	27	4	6	3	24	17	4	4	6	20	23	34
Bolton	28	6	3	3	21	15	2	5	7	19	26	34
Wolves	28	4	5	5	17	20	5	1	8	16	19	33
Huddersfld	28	4	6	4	18	19	4	3	7	14	29	33
Ipswich	28	3	5	6	17	22	5	3	6	11	27	32
Birmingham	28	4	5	5	18	22	3	5	6	18	23	31
Sheff Wed	28	4	2	8	16	25	4	3	7	15	18	29
Peterboro	28	4	1	9	22	29	4	1	9	17	23	26
Barnsley	28	3	4	7	12	19	3	3	8	17	25	25
Bristol C	27	3	2	8	24	33	3	2	9	14	22	22

## npower League One

<b>Brentford</b> .....1	<b>Tranmere</b> .....2
Dean 50	Robinson 42 pen
HT 0-1	McGurk 66
<b>Bury</b> .....P	<b>Stevenage</b> .....P
Postponed - due to frozen pitch.	
<b>Coventry</b> .....2	<b>Oldham</b> .....1
Elliott 61	Smith 89
Bailey 90	
HT 0-0	Att 10,108
<b>Crawley</b> .....P	<b>Carlisle</b> .....P
Postponed - due to frozen pitch.	
<b>Crewe</b> .....P	<b>M K Dons</b> .....P
Postponed - due to frozen pitch.	
<b>Doncaster</b> .....2	<b>Leyton O</b> .....0
Jones 19	
Brown 53	
HT 1-0	Att 6,438
<b>Hartlepool</b> .....P	<b>Colchester</b> .....P
Postponed - due to frozen pitch.	
<b>Notts Cnty</b> .....1	<b>Sheff Utd</b> .....1
Judge 80	Maguire 2
HT 1-1	Att 7,061
<b>Scunthorpe</b> .....P	<b>POMPEY</b> .....P
Postponed - due to frozen pitch.	
<b>Swindon</b> .....2	<b>Shrewsbury</b> .....0
Martin 49 pen	
Williams 53	
HT 0-0	Att 7,754
<b>Walsall</b> .....3	<b>CHERRIES</b> .....1
Manton 27	Pitman 49
Grigg 45 pen, 79 pen	
HT 2-0	
<b>Yeovil</b> .....P	<b>Preston</b> .....P
Postponed - due to safety reasons.	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Tranmere	29	8	4	4	25	11	8	4	3	21	15	56
Doncaster	28	7	2	5	18	16	10	3	1	25	9	56
Swindon	27	8	4	3	32	8	6	3	3	17	11	49
Brentford	27	8	3	2	22	13	5	7	2	17	12	49
Sheff Utd	28	6	6	2	23	15	6	8	2	16	11	48
M K Dons	26	8	3	2	22	13	4	4	4	16	13	43
Coventry	29	5	5	5	22	18	7	2	5	25	18	43
CHERRIES	27	7	6	1	26	12	4	4	5	19	25	43
Yeovil	27	6	2	5	19	15	7	1	6	24	23	42
Walsall	29	6	4	5	21	22	5	4	5	19	21	41
Crawley	27	6	3	4	22	19	6	2	6	14	20	41
Crewe	27	7	2	4	15	12	4	5	5	19	22	40
Stevenage	26	3	5	5	17	24	8	2	3	17	12	40
Notts Cnty	25	4	3	6	17	17	5	7	0	20	10	37
Leyton O	26	6	1	6	14	14	5	1	7	14	19	35
Preston	27	3	6	5	17	17	5	4	4	18	17	34
Carlisle	27	5	2	7	20	29	4	3	6	14	20	32
Shrewsbury	29	5	6	3	18	15	1	6	8	13	22	30
Oldham	28	3	3	8	13	18	4	3	7	15	22	27
Scunthorpe	27	1	5	7	13	25	5	2	7	15	22	25
Colchester	27	4	3	6	16	19	2	2	10	9	25	23
Bury	27	2	5	6	12	19	2	5	7	15	23	22
POMPEY	26	3	2	8	14	17	2	4	7	15	27	21
Hartlepool	26	1	3	8	8	20	1	4	9	11	27	13

## npower League Two

Acc Stanley.....	P	AFC Wimbledon.....	P									
Barnet.....	P	Fleetwood Town.....	P									
Bristol R.....	P	Exeter.....	P									
Northmptn.....	1	Burton Albion.....	0									
Akinfenwa 69												
HT 0-0		Att 4,090										
Oxford Utd.....	P	Rotherham.....	P									
Port Vale.....	P	Bradford.....	P									
Rochdale.....	P	Gillingham.....	P									
Southend.....	P	Plymouth.....	P									
Torquay.....	P	Chesterfield.....	P									
Wycombe.....	1	Dagenham.....	0									
Wood 32												
HT 1-0		Att 2,365										
York.....	0	Aldershot.....	0									
HT 0-0		Att 2,757										
		HOME	AWAY									
Port Vale	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Gillingham	26	6	4	3	30	15	9	3	2	26	15	52
Exeter	28	4	4	6	19	20	9	2	3	24	19	45
Cheltenham	27	8	3	2	22	12	4	5	5	15	22	44
Rotherham	26	8	0	6	28	20	5	4	3	14	17	43
Northampton	27	10	2	3	30	13	2	4	4	14	23	42
Burton Albion	28	9	3	2	30	15	3	3	8	9	24	42
Southend	27	5	4	4	17	12	6	3	5	24	17	40
Fleetwood T	27	5	4	4	16	16	5	3	5	18	12	40
Bradford	27	8	2	4	23	13	3	5	5	15	20	40
Chesterfield	28	6	3	5	26	16	4	6	11	15	39	
Oxford Utd	26	6	3	3	20	14	5	2	7	20	25	38
Dagenham	29	6	4	4	21	15	4	3	8	21	27	37
Rochdale	28	4	4	6	18	16	6	2	6	28	31	36
York	28	4	5	5	18	19	4	7	3	17	18	36
Wycombe	28	5	4	5	16	14	5	2	7	17	26	36
Torquay	26	6	5	2	24	20	2	5	6	10	13	34
Morecambe	28	5	6	3	18	16	3	3	8	15	20	33
Acc Stanley	28	4	3	7	13	20	4	3	7	17	25	30
Barnet	28	4	5	5	19	20	3	3	8	10	21	29
Aldershot	27	3	3	7	11	18	4	5	5	14	20	29
Plymouth	28	4	4	6	18	20	2	5	7	13	21	27
AFC W'don	26	2	3	8	12	22	5	2	6	18	26	26
Bristol R	26	4	3	6	18	23	2	4	7	13	26	25



Sunderland's Craig Gardner, right, celebrates scoring in their Premier League win at Wigan Athletic.

## Clydesdale Bank Premier

<b>Celtic</b> .....4	<b>Hearts</b> .....1
Hooper 2, 85	Holt 69